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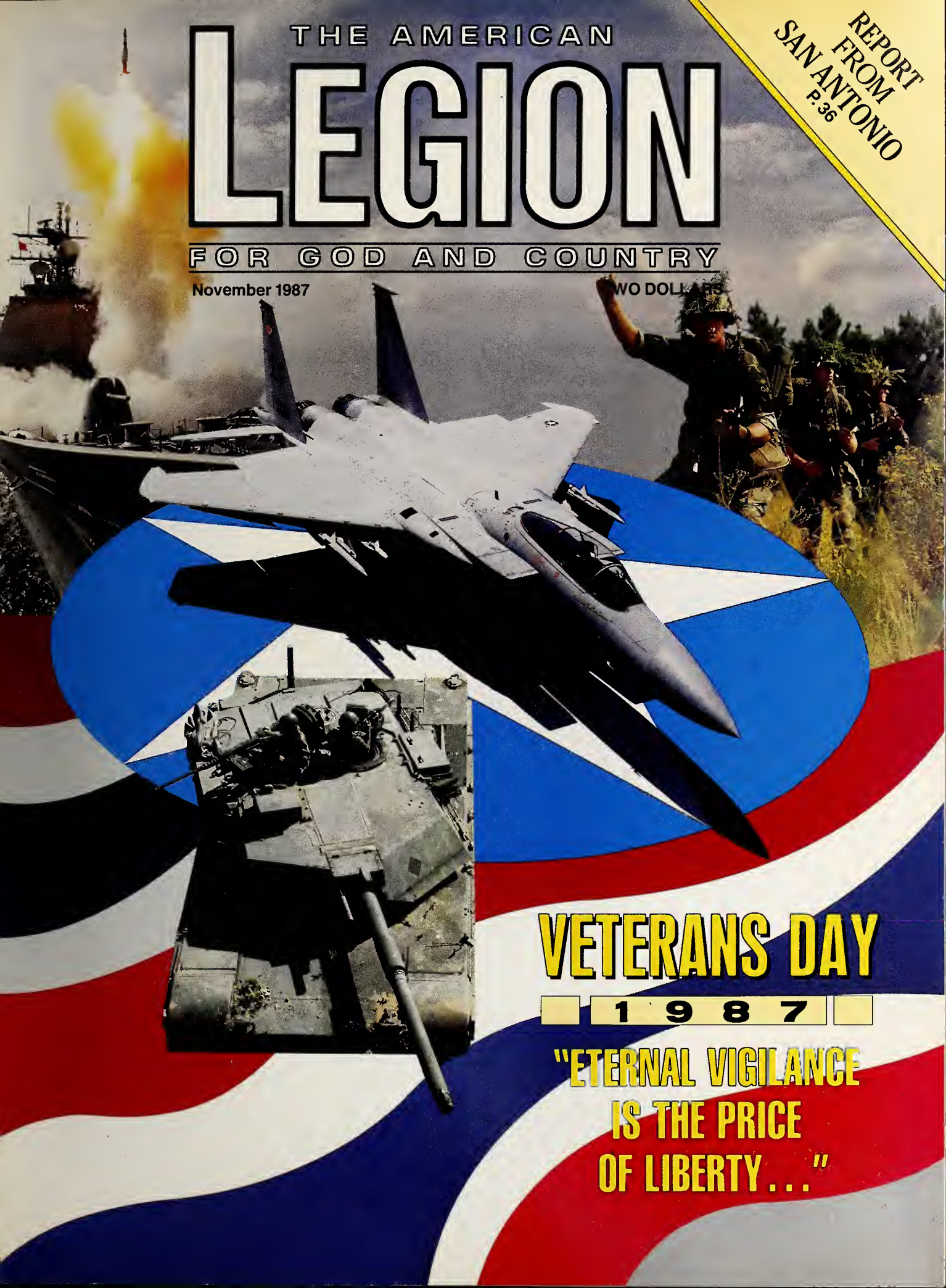

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The Constitution

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The pride I feel as an American, a serviceman and a Legionnaire is expressed in this issue. How grateful I am to live in a country such as ours. And how very grateful I am to you for the job you have done.

Jim Shaughnessy
Fort Drum, N.Y.

The best ever, and I have enjoyed 500 consecutive issues since becoming a Legionnaire in October 1945.

Ernest L. McLaughlin
Daytona Beach, Fla.

This is truly a noteworthy landmark in history and journalism, plus the graphic arts. We fellow members of The American Legion commend you and your talented staff for a remarkable achievement.

The attractive manner in which the articles are displayed, along with pictures of the authors and a brief biography of each, invites the reader to a banquet of American history. The introductory letters by President Reagan and Robert Turner, chairman of the Americanism Commission, appropriately set the stage for what is to follow.

Pictures of those who wrote letters recounting their most precious freedoms added to the interest of this department.

Throughout the magazine, the photography was outstanding. The ads were inviting, too, and I am responding to some of the advertisers' invitations to buy products.

I am presenting copies of the magazine to our high schools and the community library. I suggest that all readers do likewise. Your monumental magazine is much too valuable to throw away.

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Owen Grinde
Whitefish, Mont.

Outstanding! I am going to keep it as a reference work for our grandchildren to use when they reach high-school age. Thank you for a continually worthwhile magazine.

Flo Hoffmann
Indianapolis

This should be "must" reading for every student in the country.

Bud Weinland
Hawkinsville, Ga.

After reading the issue, will other Legionnaires please join with us in forwarding the issue to local high-school libraries for examination and study by students?

John R. Friday
Lincolnton, N.C.

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Tony Silveri
Nashville, N.C.

Being an immigrant to this country (arriving shortly after World War II), I was aware of much of what was discussed in the various articles, since I went through the American public school system.

Nevertheless, the articles were interesting to me, and I enjoyed reading them. Thank you very much for your forethought in making up the special issue.

Dmytro Bykovetz Jr.
Philadelphia

I have been reading all published material on this event and certainly feel that your coverage is among the very best! I have read every line.

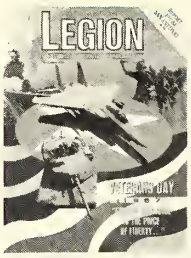
Stanley R. Parker
St. Paul, Minn.

Oops

In "Two New States Coming?" (September), you said that Hawaii and Alaska were brought in as states in 1958. This is wrong. Alaska became the 49th state Jan. 3, 1959, and Hawaii became the 50th state Aug. 21, 1959.

W.J. Zoellner
Atlanta

The Sacred Fire Of Liberty



"This American Legion is bigger than any man, is bigger than any state; it is unified action of the millions of men who were willing to sacrifice their lives, their fortunes, their all on the altar of this country for the cause of democracy, to make the world safe for democracy."

These words of John P. Cummings, Illinois delegate of the St. Louis Caucus in May 1919, aptly summarize the feelings and activities shared by the 19,000 Legionnaires and their spouses who attended the 69th National Convention.

In the shadow of the Alamo, under a hot Texas sun, bluecaps, whitecaps and redcaps alike bent to the task of mandating the legislative priorities that will determine this rapidly expanding organization's course and direction for the coming year.

It was business as usual for the nation's largest organization of veterans, and the business of The American Legion is America. Throughout the adoption of resolutions, the election of the organization's leaders, the commission and committee meetings, and the myriad other undertakings that make up a convention, ran the underlying theme that unified the efforts of all: the perpetuation of America's most precious resource — freedom.

"America lives in the heart of every man who wishes to be free . . . ," said Woodrow Wilson. "Our greatness is built upon our freedom."

When it comes to freedom, The American Legion is the keeper of the key to the nation's conscience. Nearly 3 million bluecap men and women daily devote their lives to the belief espoused by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who said, "We too, born to freedom and believing in freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

Whether it's through the efforts of Legionnaires at convention, Legionnaires at war or Legionnaires in the peaceful environs of their own communities, the sacred fire of liberty will burn brightly in this nation. □

— The Editors

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THIS is a special month for the men and women of The American Legion. During November's fading and too-often gray days, Americans traditionally celebrate two of the most meaningful holidays on the calendar. For me, the light of those days is enough to brighten the entire month because, in our celebrations, we mark what is most meaningful to us as Legionnaires.

Beginning in the days immediately following America's triumph in World War I, Americans every year have stepped back from their everyday lives to honor the memories of those who fought and those who died in defense of liberty. The early celebrations marked the armistice, and conveyed the pride and confidence we felt in our new role as an international power. Armistice Day recognized the contributions that young Americans had made in preserving Western democratic ideals, and a new generation enthusiastically embraced the promise and possibilities that world leadership entails.

World War I was to have been the war to end all wars, but with the armistice came awesome international responsibilities and involvement that forever cast American innocence aside. It is evidence of the cost of leadership that Armistice Day is now Veterans Day, and is the occasion on which we remember and honor the sacrifices of three generations of young Americans who followed the doughboys of World War I into conflicts in foreign lands.

Nevertheless, it is with pride and confidence that I view Veterans Day 1987. Yes, young Americans have been repeatedly called upon to defend freedom against tyranny. Yes, America's sons and daughters have given their lives in the struggle. There is no guarantee that future generations might not be called upon to do the same. But I am comforted by knowing that freedom and democracy still thrive in much of the world because of what they did. I am heartened that even where tyranny exists, the courage, will and dedication of those who oppose it remain unquestioned. And I am rededicated to the cause of peace through strength, which stands as our cornerstone. I can think of no greater monument to the men and women who wore the uniforms of our military services than our assurance, through diligence and resolve, that their sons and daughters will be spared the horror of war.

Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer

"Freedom and democracy still thrive in much of the world because of what they did."

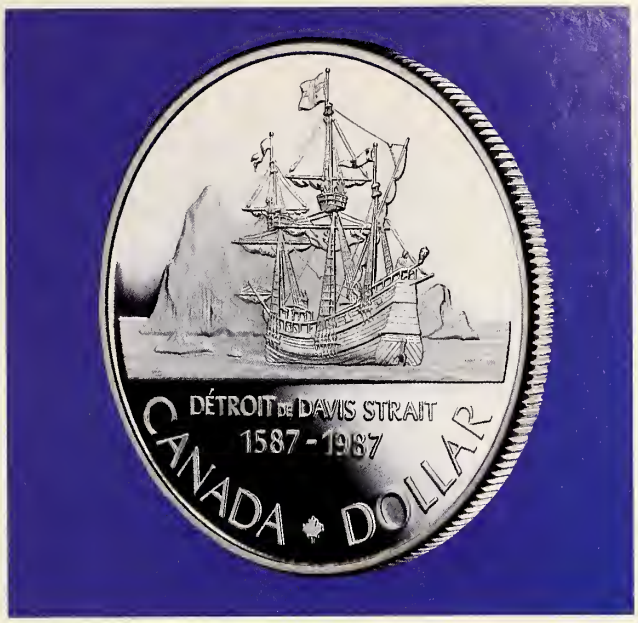
In just a few days, I will preside over the national Veterans Day celebration in Washington, D.C. It falls to The American Legion to host and conduct that observance only periodically, and I approach that day with growing reverence for what we as veterans have done and with renewed dedication to the cause of peace for which so many have given their lives.

It is for peace, perhaps more than anything else, that I will pray on November's other special day as my family gathers to give thanks for the blessings we enjoy as Americans. In encompassing our fervent dedication to God, country and family, no other holiday so embodies my theme for this year as does Thanksgiving. No other holiday is so uniquely American as Thanksgiving. And no other holiday gathers the American family closer in unselfish celebration than does Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving 1987 will be a day on which I will, as never before, give thanks for the opportunities and blessings I have enjoyed as a Legionnaire. I have been blessed to have the confidence of my fellow Legionnaires, and to have been given the opportunity to use my talents on their behalf. I have been blessed with a wife and children who made my dreams part of their dreams. And I have been blessed with parents who instilled in me a belief in hard work and dedication. I wish that much for all of you.

In the months ahead, mutual support, confidence and willingness to work will make all the difference in the world for The American Legion and for America's veterans. In this month of remembrance and thanksgiving, I call on you to join me in preserving the interests of veterans, providing for the needs of future generations and defending our American way of life against all threats. Having done that, on Thanksgiving Day 1988, we will be able to look back on a year of multiplied blessings and know that we have done our part. □

The Royal Canadian Mint Proudly Announces A New Commemorative Proof Silver Dollar



The Government of Canada announces a new Silver Dollar commemorating the 400th anniversary of John Davis' search for the Northwest Passage.

He was never as well known as Henry Hudson, Roald Amundsen and other explorers who succeeded him. Yet, 400 years later, John Davis' many contributions make him one of the most important figures in Northwest Passage exploration — as well as the major influence on cartography, navigation and surveying of his time.

Now, the Royal Canadian Mint is proud to introduce a new Proof Silver Dollar for 1987, honoring the 400th anniversary of John Davis' third and final voyage of exploration to find the Northwest Passage in 1587.

The 1987 Proof Silver Dollar is the 22nd in a historic series of commemorative silver dollars authorized by the Government of Canada since 1935.

Description and Specifications

On the reverse is a breathtaking design by Nova Scotia artist Christopher Gorey of a 16th century ship — similar to the pinnace Davis used on his third voyage — viewed from three quarters astern. A large iceberg looms in the background. Below this is the bilingual legend "DÉTROIT DE DAVIS STRAIT, 1587-1987" signifying this year as the 400th anniversary of John Davis' discovery of the strait located east of Baffin Island. The obverse shows the beloved effigy of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, by Arnold Machin.

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The Discoveries of John Davis, Explorer and Navigator

While John Davis never actually discovered the Northwest Passage, his explorations from 1585-1587 are most important because they increased the geographical knowledge of the area, and added great insight into the flora, fauna and people of Greenland and Baffin Island. His invention of the quadrant provided the first accurate means of determining latitude. Subsequent explorers would marvel at the remarkable precision of Davis' findings. His charts lighted the way for future arctic explorations. His descriptions of the Inuit (Eskimos) were among the earliest. And his "Traverse Book," providing a day-by-day account of his third voyage, was the model for the ships' logs used today. For these reasons and many others, John Davis is considered by historians as one of the greatest arctic explorers of all time.

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Members of both chambers have introduced bills calling for the designation of the humble hive bee as our country's chosen insect, just as the rose has been named our national flower. Thirteen states already have honored the honeybee with official status.

Sen. Larry Pressler of South Dakota, a sponsor of the legislation, points out that honeybee pollination is essential to the annual production of about $19 billion worth of U.S. crops ranging from apples to zucchini. He said the bee plays a key role in the survival of many birds and mammals and in other aspects of our nation's ecology.

A similar bill in the House has approximately 40 supporters.

Centenarians Increase

Because of improved health conditions — nutrition or simply hardy genes — more Americans are reaching the age of 100 and over, according to a study conducted by the National Institute on Aging.

In 1986 about 25,000 centenarians were estimated to be living in the United States. This segment of the population is growing at a rate that will raise the number of centenarians to more than 100,000 by 2000.

During the past century, the average life expectancy in America rose by about 30 years, so that women could expect to reach age 78 and men, 71 — the greatest gain in history.

The study also revealed that three times more women than men reach 100, that more than half of the centenarians had only an eighth-grade education or less, and that approximately 80 percent of them were born in the United States.

Crime Favors The West

Three out of 10 households in the Western states were victims of crime in 1986, the highest of any U.S. region, according to U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics.

Some 19 percent of homes in the Northwest were hit by robbers, burglars, thieves, assaulters and rapists last year; 25 percent in the South and Midwest. But in the West, 30 percent of the inhabitants suffered criminal attack or depredation.

High-income dwellings and homes in urban areas, along with black households, were more vulnerable to crime. Rural-area homes were the least victimized.

Triad For Trade

Amid the ongoing debate over international trade, and the claims and counterclaims of the free-traders and the protectionists, a small voice is being raised for a North American economic association.

Sen. Timothy E. Wirth of Colorado is proposing increased cooperation and coordination among the United States, Canada and Mexico as a means of increasing international market competitiveness and prosperity for all three countries.

The little-publicized approach was discussed at a meeting of the foreign ministers of the three nations held last summer during Stanford University's centennial celebration. The idea also has been promoted in some academic circles. However, there's not likely to be a North American common market in the near future.

To be sure, there are obstacles of tradition, culture and nationalism to be overcome. However, proponents of the triad point out that the European Common Market was not created overnight, but developed step by step. The summer meeting of the foreign ministers was the first small step, Wirth said.

Plastic Perils At Sea

Even as environmentalists press efforts to rid our waters of toxic waste and oil spills, another drive is under way against the dumping of plastic materials in our waters.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey and 10 of his colleagues are pushing for Senate ratification of a treaty that would curb coastal pollution.

According to Lautenberg, the National Academy of Science has calculated that merchant ships around the globe generate 110,000 metric tons of garbage annually and fishing boats, another 34,000 tons. The U.S. Navy generates more than three pounds a day for each of its 285,000 crew members. Garbage dumping from ships is traditional, but plastics are choking many forms of marine life. The plastic yokes of six-packs are singled out as being specific killers at sea.

Before the law can become effective, the treaty must be ratified by 15 countries whose vessels comprise 50 percent of the world fleet's gross tonnage. Twenty-seven nations with 42 percent of the world gross tonnage have agreed to the treaty so far.

New Help For Illiterates?

An estimated 27 million Americans are functionally illiterate — unable to read a newspaper, fill out a job application or balance a checkbook — and that number is increasing by 2.3 million a year. The depressing statistics include not only high-school dropouts, but also graduates.

Legislation that offers a new approach toward easing the problem has been introduced by Rep. James J. Florio of New Jersey and Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts. Their bill, the Literacy Corps Assistance Act of 1987, would provide up to $25,000 per year to colleges and universities for establishing programs in which undergraduates would go into the community to tutor illiterates in reading, writing and mathematics. Students could earn three credit hours toward their degrees by teaching six hours each week in schools, prisons and agencies that serve youths, the handicapped or disabled veterans.

Florio said that under the current system only about 5 percent of those who need help receive it through government or private funds.

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SHOULD WE REPEAL THE GRAMM-RUDMAN-HOLLINGS BALANCED-BUDGET LAW?

Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y.

YES

The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget law is a serious threat to our nation's future. First, Gramm-Rudman hasn't worked. The law calls on Congress to balance the budget in stages by 1991. If Congress fails to meet certain deficit-reduction targets through the regular budget process, Gramm-Rudman calls for across-the-board cuts in most federal programs.

But instead of making tough decisions, Congress has used gimmicks to make it appear that we are meeting the Gramm-Rudman goals. In reality, we exceeded the deficit target by $49 billion last year and $13 billion this year. And the latest projections show that the deficit will rise for two years before it starts to go down.

Second, Gramm-Rudman threatens the very future of key federal programs. Americans need adequate health care, good schools and strong law-enforcement programs. But when Congress runs out of gimmicks, these programs will suffer drastic cuts.

Some low-income and veterans' programs are exempt from across-the-board cuts under Gramm-Rudman. But this does not mean that they will be spared. There will be substantial pressure on Congress to meet Gramm-Rudman's deficit targets through the regular budget process. This means that all programs will be on the chopping block.

We can solve the deficit crisis. But we need to deal with the causes instead of tinkering with the budget process.

There is ample evidence that the deficit crisis was caused by the current administration's excessive military buildup and huge tax cuts for the wealthy. These policies raised the deficit from $74 billion in 1980 to a record $221 billion in 1986. And our overall national debt rose from $906 billion to $2.1 trillion during that period.

If we reverse these policies, the deficit will come down. But that means that Congress would have to make tough decisions, instead of relying on Gramm-Rudman.

Some legislators insist that Gramm-Rudman will work if we strengthen it. But they do not want to face up to the hard choices that our deficit crisis demands.

The American people are tired of false promises from their leaders. Congress should repeal Gramm-Rudman and enact a real solution to the deficit crisis. □

Rep. Connie Mack, R-Fla.

NO

Less than two years ago, Congress obligated itself to systematically reducing the ever-increasing federal budget deficit by passing the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation, which is perhaps the most significant budget-reform measure in our nation's history. Congress passed this bill because there was universal agreement that the time to act on the deficit had come — unchecked, the deficit would cripple the economy and impose unwarranted burdens on family incomes. Today, that budget-reduction plan is in jeopardy.

The deficit-reduction targets embodied in Gramm-Rudman are a moral promise to the American people and should not be trashed at the first opportunity. Gramm-Rudman is needed for two reasons: Congress will not act without this pressure; our nation's economic health depends on a commitment to reduce the deficit.

Our economy depends on Congress' promise to alleviate the deficit. Knowing that the government won't be competing for available funds encourages companies to expand. That's why there is such a strong link between an expanding economy and Congress' decision to stick to a fixed reduction schedule. If we eliminate this by abandoning Gramm-Rudman, economic havoc will result. High deficits fuel the business community's expectations of inflation and adversely affect the trade balance.

Congress can't change horses mid-stream. By law, the federal government is now committed to deficit reduction — and rightfully so. We shouldn't rely on a quick-fix tax or on relaxation; we simply have to stay with the program. Altering the schedule by which we are to achieve a balanced budget would be one thing, but abandoning the schedule altogether would be a huge mistake.

The American people expect Congress to honor its statutory promise of a balanced budget. The polls consistently show that the overwhelming majority of Americans demand that we balance the budget. It may be easier for Congress to postpone making the politically distasteful choices it will take to get our fiscal house in order, but ease does not justify inaction. For the sake of our economy — and for the sake of its own credibility — Congress should not monkey with Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget law. □

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By Gary Turbak

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"Arthritis" is an umbrella term that refers to more than 100 different diseases, most of which cause pain, swelling and stiffness in body joints. The word "arthritis" means "joint inflammation." According to the Arthritis Foundation, about 37 million Americans — nearly one in seven — suffer from arthritis. Hundreds of thousands of children have the disease, proving that it can strike any age group. The most common forms — osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis — appear in the middle-aged and elderly, and more frequently in women than in men.

There is no magic wand that can make arthritis disappear, but treatment will ease the pain for most people.

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Rheumatoid arthritis also focuses on the joints. Besides joint pain, it can cause fatigue, weight loss, anemia and eye inflammation. Frequently, the first signs of this disorder are early-morning stiffness and a general achy feeling.

The causes of arthritis are not well understood. Researchers suspect that some people have a genetic predisposition for some forms of the disease and that a virus later triggers its emergence.

"Exercise generally is not a cause of arthritis, although an athletic injury to a joint can bring on osteoarthritis later in life," said Dr. Frederic McDuffie, senior vice president of medical affairs at the Arthritis Foundation and a professor at the Emory University School of Medicine since 1979. "If anything, regular exercise helps reduce the strain that obesity can put on joints — strain that almost certainly contributes to arthritis problems."

While there is no cure for arthritis, proper treatment of the symptoms can ease the pain for most victims, McDuffie said. Treatment includes the application of heat, proper diet and exercise regimens, large doses of aspirin, a variety of more complex drugs, and the replacement of joints with metal or plastic prostheses. Aspirin, which has the ability to reduce pain and inflammation, has proved to be an excellent arthritis drug.

Meanwhile, researchers continue to seek a cure for this crippling disease. Unfortunately, no startling breakthroughs are in sight.

Because there are so many arthritis sufferers searching for relief, an entire quack industry is devoted to the disease. One estimate is that nearly a billion dollars a year is spent on worthless diets and cures.

"Quack cures persist," said McDuffie, "partially because some people do

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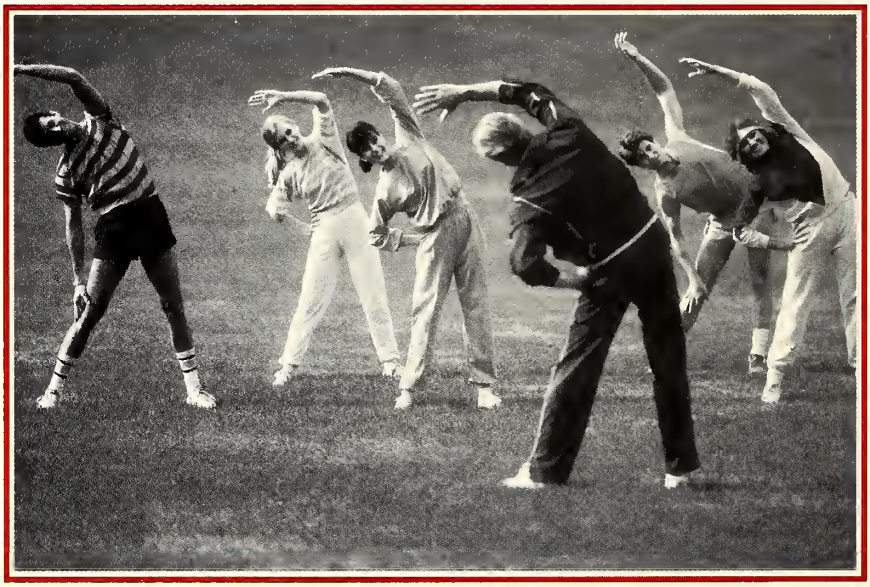

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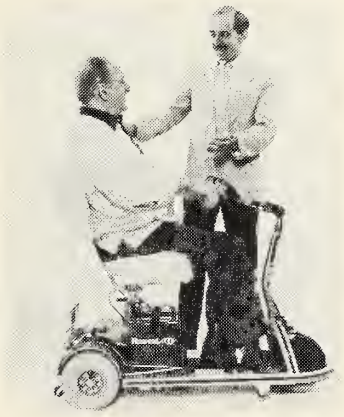

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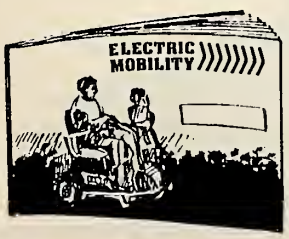

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We remember those who served and died on a quiet Sunday morning in December, when America was savagely propelled into another world war. Once more our nation called on her young warriors. Soon they were dispatched to battlefields in the Pacific, while more of America's sons fought another foe in Europe and Africa. Some of these heroic defenders became battle-hardened Marines who suffered the jungle rot of Guadalcanal or stormed the beaches at Iwo Jima; some were called "dogfaces," or GIs, and dodged bullets in snowbound Bastogne and the Ardennes. Others served as gunners' mates on cruisers, where they trained their sights on suicidal enemy pilots. And when peace was won once more, the entire world fell to its knees in thanksgiving.

We remember those who answered the call after a thundering horde swarmed across the 38th parallel into South Korea. While some of America's finest winged their jet fighters through MiG Alley or dumped their payloads on such targets as Toko-ri, shivering leathernecks and GIs learned firsthand the horrors of winter war at a hellhole called "The Frozen Chosin." Doctors, nurses, medics and corpsmen treated frostbite and mended torn bodies as battles raged around them.

We remember those valiant Americans who responded to their nation's call less than a decade later in punji-staked rice paddies in South Vietnam. There, they slogged, hot and exhausted, through cauldrons such as the Iron Triangle and Ia Drang, or met the enemy in mortal embrace in such places as Hamburger Hill and Khe Sanh and in the meat grinder of Hue City. Many owe their lives to the iron-nerved, daredevil chopper pilots who medevaced them quickly through shot and shell in time for medical teams to perform their miracles.

We remember them, and we remember those who served and died aboard the *USS Liberty*, and in such places as Beirut, Grenada, Central America, the Persian Gulf, and wherever America planted its flag for freedom's sake.

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Tests reveal that college students today would be better off if they didn't know so much, and what they knew was correct.

By Jaime M. O'Neill

JOSH BILLINGS, a 19th-century humorist, wrote that it is better "not to know so much than to know so many things that ain't so." Recently, after 15 years of teaching in community colleges, I decided to take a sampling to find out what my students know that ain't so. I did this out of a growing awareness that they don't always understand what I say. I suspected that part of their failure to understand derived from the fact that they did not catch my allusions. An allusion to a writer, a geographical locality or a historical episode inevitably produced telltale expressions of bewilderment.

There is a game played by students and teachers everywhere. The game goes like this: The teacher tries to find out what students don't know so that he can correct those deficiencies; the students, concerned with grades and slippery self-images, try to hide their ignorance in every way they can. So it is that students seldom ask pertinent questions. So it is that teachers assume that students possess basic knowledge that, in fact, they don't possess.

Last semester I broke the rules of this time-honored game when I presented my English-composition students with an 86-question "general knowledge" test on the first day of class. There were 26 people in the class; they ranged in age from 18 to 54. They had all completed at least one quarter of college-level work.

Here is a sampling of what they knew that just ain't so:

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OLD IKE—*Based on test answers, Eisenhower was a 17th-century president.*

Ralph Nader is a baseball player. Charles Darwin invented gravity. Christ was born in the 16th century. J. Edgar Hoover was a 19th-century president. Neil Simon wrote *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*; *The Great Gatsby* was a magician in the 1930s. Franz Joseph Haydn was a songwriter during the same decade. Sid Caesar was an early Roman emperor. Mark Twain invented the cotton gin. Heinrich Himmler invented the Heimlich maneuver. Jefferson Davis was a guitar player for the Jefferson Airplane. Benito Mussolini was a Russian leader of the 18th century; Dwight D. Eisenhower came earlier, serving as president during the 17th century. William Faulkner made his name as a 17th-century scientist. All of these people must have appreciated the work of Pablo Picasso, who painted masterpieces in the 12th century.

My students were equally creative in their understanding of geography. They knew, for instance, that Managua is the capital of Vietnam, that Cape Town is in the United States and that Beirut is in Germany. Bogotá, of course, is in Borneo (unless it is in China). Camp David is in Israel, and Stratford-on-Avon is in Grenada (or Gernada). Gdansk is in Ireland. Cologne is in the Virgin Islands. Mazatlán is in Switzerland. Belfast was variously located in Egypt, Germany, Belgium and Italy. Leningrad was transported to Jamaica; Montreal, to Spain.

And on it went. Most students answered incorrectly far more often than they answered correctly. Several of them meticulously wrote "I don't know" 86 times, or 80 times, or 62 times.

They did not like the test. Although I made it clear that the test would not be graded, they did not like having their ignorance exposed. One of them dismissed the test by saying, "Oh, I get it; it's like Trivial Pursuit."

Imagining a game of Trivial Pursuit among some of today's college students is a frightening thought; such a game could last for years.

But the comment bothered me. What, in this time in our global history, is trivial? And what is essential? Perhaps it no longer matters very much if large numbers of people in the world's oldest democratic republic know little of their own history and even less about the planet they inhabit.

But I suspect that it does matter. I also suspect that my students provide a fairly good cross section of the general population. There are 1,274 two-year colleges in the United States that collectively enroll nearly 5 million students. I have taught at four of those colleges in two states, and I doubt that my questionnaire would have produced different results at any of them. My colleagues at universities tell me that they would not be surprised by similar undergraduate answers.

My small sampling is further corroborated by recent polls, which disclosed that a significant number of American adults have no idea which side the United States supported in Vietnam and that a majority of the general populace has no idea which side the United States is currently supporting in Nicaragua or El Salvador.

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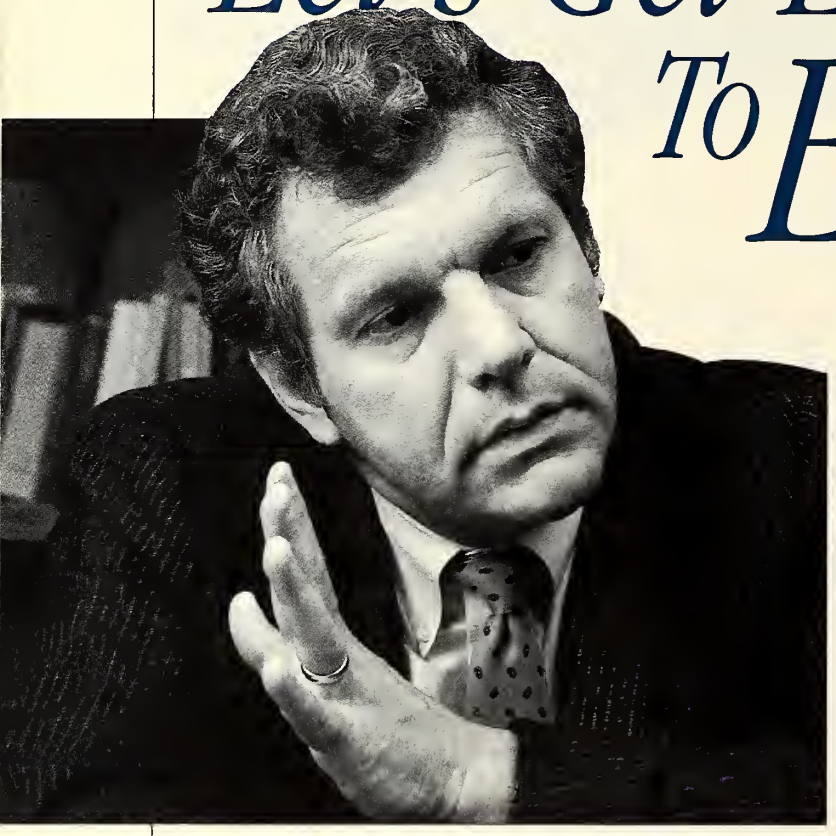

ART STEIN

William J. Bennett has been Secretary of Education since 1985. A former university teacher, he also served four years as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Our children can get a better education than they now get, if parents and taxpayers demand greater results from teachers and school administrators, says Secretary of Education William J. Bennett.

American Legion Magazine: For some time now, you've been fighting to get American schools to return to basics. Is any real progress being made in this respect?

Education Secretary Bennett: Yes, I think we're winning. But it's a long war; it's a long campaign. We can see over the past two years that most states have strengthened their requirements and their expectations of students in the basic disciplines.

Q. Looking across the broad spectrum of the education process — at facilities, textbooks, the quality of teachers, teaching methods, classroom discipline — where would you give the poorest grades?

A. It would be very hard to talk about *all* our schools in that way. What I would say is that the poorest grade would be for accountability. When we have excellence, it is due to good leadership at the local level and clarity of purpose. In some schools, we have it; in too many schools, we don't.

Q. Could you expand on what you mean by accountability?

A. As trustees of public funds, school leaders should do better at providing the results parents and taxpayers expect from schools. The difficulty with our schools is that if you do an excellent job with the children, either as a principal or a teacher, you tend not to be rewarded for it. If you do a poor job with students as principal or teacher, you tend not to pay any penalty for that. We need greater accountability; we need to reward excellence, to encourage excellence.

Q. Are you referring to merit pay for teachers?

A. Merit pay is one aspect of it. Recognition is another. A third, I think, is that teachers' contracts should be more dependent on performance than they are at present.

Q. Besides the three "Rs," are we getting anywhere in terms of re-emphasizing *values* in education — that is, morals, ethics, civics?

A. We certainly have gone far. We have had a part in raising the issue here, and I think we have succeeded in winning this debate. Now it is very hard to find anybody who is a spokesperson for education — any of the groups or any part of the educational establishment — who would not say that teaching values is important. When I said that two years ago, there was some heat about it. But now everyone agrees, and most people agree on what those values are.

Q. Do you see young people graduating from high school today with any real knowledge of history and government — of what America is all about? Are any of them aware of the unprecedented challenges our democratic system faces in today's world?

A. It seems to be a question of personal values on one hand and civic values on the other — appreciation of this country, its principles, its ideals, its beliefs, its performance. I think we are doing slightly better on that score, but not nearly well enough. This is a good year to do much better, since it is

the anniversary of the bicentennial of the Constitution.

I was heartened by a recent statement issued by the American Federation of Teachers about teaching the principles of this democracy. People who have endorsed this statement include Mario Cuomo, Albert Shanker and William Bennett. It is a clear, good statement of the principles on which this country depends — principles that ought to be taught in the schools.

Q. Does it differentiate between democracy and totalitarianism?

A. Absolutely. Very clearly — and it doesn't make the error that a lot of statements make, saying that systems are different, so how can we judge? It says that our system of ordered liberty is better than other systems, which it is.

Q. When you see so many Americans being taken in by communist propaganda, you wonder how young people can be better prepared to recognize they are being constantly bombarded by outright lies — by calculated attempts to misinform, mislead and ultimately enslave. What's the answer?

A. An Englishman once said the purpose of an education is to teach a student to know when somebody is talking rubbish. That is not a bad definition of education. I think the first way you teach students is by giving them facts and principles that are reliable and dependable, by which they can judge other claims.

A case study of misinformation, or "disinformation," can be useful here. Take some issue — any issue — and show how it is treated by various people, then try to compare that to the basic factual situation. But you are not going to know something is wrong until you *know* something first. Students have to start with a common base of knowledge and facts.

Q. What about the teaching of "moral equivalence"? How do you get such totalitarian-inspired disinformation or rubbish, to use your word, out of the classroom?

A. With a good study of history. The claim of moral equivalence between the United States and the Soviet Union simply needs to be examined on the basis of history. One looks at what the United States has done; then one looks at what the Soviet Union has done — and any fair, even half-fair, assessment of the two will dispel the notion of moral equivalence.

Q. You recently visited 73 schools and talked to 5,000 students. Are you getting any feedback that is helpful?

A. Well, I think the feedback that is most helpful to me is to hear from students that they want the real stuff, the real thing in education. Not long ago I was in Detroit — a city that is having some problems — and I asked the students, "What would make this a better school?" The first two answers were more math and a security officer in the hall. Students are very clear about what it takes to get a good education, and if we pay more attention to their soundest instincts and judgments, we'd have a better system.

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LESSON LEARNED — *Bennett, a frequent classroom visitor, says U.S. high-school students need more instruction in English, math, science and history.*

Q. You have said getting drugs out of the classroom would be your No. 1 wish "if you had a magic wand." Where do schools stand on this awesome problem today?

A. They're making progress, but the numbers are such that there is still cause for alarm; too many of our children are using drugs. We have made some positive efforts, though.

We've released a book called *Schools Without Drugs* — a practical, no-nonsense guide for parents and school leaders on how to get drugs out of their schools and out of their students. We have distributed a million and a half copies of the book. Local schools have adopted the policies recommended in the book and are applying them to their own settings. This is great!

Q. Teachers constantly complain about being underpaid . . .

A. Teacher unions do, not teachers.

Q. Do you feel they are *really* underpaid, either in terms of the work they do or in comparison with other occupations?

A. I'll say again what I have been saying for years. I think our very best teachers are underpaid. I also think a large number of mid-level teachers who are quite adequate to the task are being paid adequately. Remember, teachers' salaries have gone up faster than any other salaries in the public sector over the past five years. But that 10 percent, 15 percent or 20 percent of the teachers who are not doing a good job with their students are overpaid by the entire amounts of their salaries.

There is a way to design a system that would make more sense. This would be to pay your really first-rate teachers more, pay your teachers at the middle level about what they are getting or maybe a little less, and get rid of the incompetents.

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SHOULD WE RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE?

A TOP priority of the Senate is to make the minimum wage a living wage. Unchanged since 1981, its economic value has now sunk to a level so low that it condemns millions of full-time workers and their families to lives below the poverty line.

When President Franklin Roosevelt signed the original minimum wage into law in 1938, he said, "Except for the Social Security Act, it is the most far-reaching, farsighted program ever adopted here or in any other country." Nothing has happened in the past 49 years to change that assessment.

The first minimum wage was 25 cents an hour. Six times since then, Congress has raised the minimum wage. Six times we have heard dire prophecies of unemployment, inflation and bankruptcy, and six times the prophets have been wrong. The minimum wage has kept pace with inflation — until now —and America has prospered.

Five million to 6 million men and women work at the minimum wage today. In the six years since it was increased to its present level of $3.35 an hour, its purchasing power has eroded by 27 percent. In fact, the real value of the minimum wage has declined each of the past six years. It is time to make up the lost ground.

Employment of minority youths has not increased in the past six years, despite the large fall-off in the value of the minimum wage. If lower wages were even remotely an answer to youth unemployment, more young men and women would be working today than in 1981. They are not. The real barriers to jobs for minority youths are not mandated high wages, but illiteracy, poor job skills, rampant job discrimination and a welfare system that encourages chronic welfare dependency.

Officials of the current administration repeatedly suggest that we should move in the opposite direction, holding the line on the minimum wage for adults and creating a subminimum wage for youths. In 1986 they actually sought a reduction to $2.50 an hour for workers under the age of 22. Even the administration's staunchest supporters in the Senate refused to swallow that; they talked the administration down to an age cutoff of 18 for their substandard subminimum wage, and even that compromise went nowhere.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy

SINCE 1981 the value of stock on Wall Street has tripled, and executive compensation has skyrocketed. But those on the bottom rung — the working poor — suffer year after year from relentless erosion in the buying power of their meager earnings.

Today, a full-time worker who earns the minimum wage makes less than $7,000 a year, which is 27 percent below the poverty level for a family of three, and 40 percent below the poverty level for a family of four — the lowest percentages in the half-century history of the minimum wage. Raising the minimum wage is the single most important anti-poverty step we can take in America in 1987 — and it will not cost the government a dime in the budget.

A minimum wage that does not permit full-time workers to provide the bare necessities of life for their families is particularly unconscionable and unacceptable, because it permits unscrupulous firms that have significant market power to exploit their lowest-paid workers. It also violates the work ethic by condemning millions of citizens to lives of hardship and deprivation, even though they are willing to work.

It will be difficult for Congress in one fell swoop to make up for the past six years of abdication of responsibility. But it can be done. Proposed legislation in both the Senate and the House would raise the minimum wage to $4.65 an hour in three annual steps of about 45 cents a year, thereby minimizing the short-run hardship on any firm. To avoid similar lapses in the future, the level would be indexed after 1990 to half the average hourly wage, which is the regular measure used to gauge the minimum wage and keep it current.

Those who claim that this measure will increase unemployment and disrupt business have neither history nor facts on their side. The comprehensive report of the bipartisan Minimum Wage Study Commission, submitted to Congress in 1981, lays to rest the exaggerated claims of economic hardship. As the commission found, past hikes in the minimum wage have had no significant effect on adult employment, youth unemployment, inflation or the viability of business enterprises.

As we have learned in earlier battles over the minimum wage, no one fears more for the future of the country than does a well-paid executive who is about to be required by law to raise the wages of his lowest-paid employees. Failure by Congress to act this year would be tantamount to abandoning the minimum wage as public policy and turning our back on those who most deserve and need support — the working poor.

If the American dream means anything, it means that a full-time job should never mean a lifetime of poverty or welfare dependency. The minimum wage should be raised to its proper level — and this is the year to start. □

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy is chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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SHOULD WE RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE?

PROPONENTS of a hike in the minimum wage this year are setting the stage for another battle between business and labor over this deeply divisive issue.

Yet lost in all the years of political rhetoric over this issue is the fact that the minimum wage, which has stood at $3.35 per hour since 1981, has done more to increase unemployment among young unskilled workers, especially minorities, than perhaps any other single government initiative.

It is ironic that while a higher minimum wage is a top priority on some legislative agendas, many in and out of Congress are now demanding a youth subminimum wage to help create jobs for America's unemployed.

Last year, for example, the National Association of Black Mayors pleaded with Congress to enact a summertime youth differential to help reduce unemployment in poor inner cities, where teen-age jobless rates range from 20 percent to 40 percent and more. The mayors have been joined by other minority groups, including the National Association of Minority Contractors and the Cuban-American Association.

Persistently high youth unemployment — even while the national jobless rate has fallen to 6.6 percent — has been a festering wound in America, resulting in empty, wasted lives, and contributing to poverty, crime and drug abuse.

While many factors have contributed to youth unemployment — poor education, government-created obstacles to new business formation, etc. — the inflexible minimum-wage law is the chief factor. The minimum wage has cruelly priced unskilled, poorly educated youths out of the labor market and thus they have been priced out of the economic mainstream of America.

The tragic result: Thousands of service stations that once could afford to employ many young workers pumping gas, checking oil and cleaning windshields have replaced them with virtually automated self-service systems that allow one employee in a glass booth to handle the whole operation. Serve-yourself salad bars and buffet counters are much cheaper to operate than a restaurant employing a staff of young waiters and waitresses.

Donald Lambro

IT IS in these entry-level jobs that one gains valuable experience, learns good work habits and is in a position to climb the economic ladder. Multiply these and countless other examples by millions of enterprises, and one begins to understand the problem in all its devastating dimensions.

Yet Congress stubbornly refuses to enact even a modest summertime youth wage, following American labor's position that it will result in young workers pushing older workers out of their jobs.

In fact, few if any employers are going to risk replacing experienced employees with inexperienced part-time workers whose productivity may not match or exceed their pay. Besides, the administration's Youth Employment Opportunity Wage proposal would prohibit such practices.

"For the most part," said George Mason University economist Walter Williams, "teen-agers hired at the subminimum rate would fill new jobs or old jobs that would be reinstated. There might be ushers at movies again, and hotels might decide to keep their corridors and windows cleaner."

Numerous well-documented studies have revealed the minimum wage's insidious effect on job creation in general. A 1983 report by the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, concluded that not only does the minimum wage reduce the availability of jobs, but over the years the number of low-skill, entry-level jobs has declined as the minimum wage has risen.

The GAO found "virtually total agreement that employment is lower than it would have been if no minimum wage existed, even during periods of substantial employment growth."

In 1981 a congressionally mandated Minimum Wage Study Commission also discovered that when the official minimum wage rises, youth employment goes down. The commission said that cutting the $3.35-per-hour minimum to $2.50 per hour for teenagers would have produced up to 356,000 new jobs. The Labor Department now estimates that it would create more than 400,000 new jobs.

Unfortunately, proposals to enact a youth wage have gone nowhere in Congress, despite growing support among minority leaders. Among them are people such as District of Columbia Mayor Marion Barry, who bluntly said, "I'd rather be criticized for supporting the Youth Employment Opportunity Wage Act at $2.50 and save the $15,000 it costs to keep someone incarcerated."

Young people need work. This is the grim everyday reality that city mayors understand and must deal with on the front lines of our inner-city neighborhoods.

Sadly, however, the prospect of congressional reform on this vital social and economic issue today remains as bleak as the chance of a poor, unskilled 17-year-old high-school dropout to find work at $3.35 an hour. □

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WOMEN'S VIETNAM MEMORIAL PROJECT

'WOMEN WERE CASUALTIES, TOO'

Women Vietnam veterans don't want the nation to forget that 10,500 women served in Vietnam. They believe a memorial in Washington will help.

By Joe Stuteville

SHE wears battle fatigues and bloodstained combat boots. A stethoscope dangles from her neck, and she holds a steel helmet the way a mother might cradle her child. She wears no cosmetics, and her youthful face reflects compassion, benevolence, dignity and exhaustion.

She is the proposed statue of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Inc., a monument to pay tribute to American women who served in the Vietnam War. If approved, a bronze statue would be erected near the statue of the three fighting men that stands watch over the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Project officials said it would mark the first time a memorial was raised in the nation's capital in honor of women who have served in uniform.

"Our goal is to make Americans aware that women played a significant role in Vietnam," said Diane Carlson Evans, Vietnam veteran and co-founder of the project.

While network news brought the Vietnam War into America's living rooms each night, seldom did the nation get more than a glimpse of the 10,500 women who served in Vietnam.

"A lot of people don't realize that women suffered during and after the war," said Evans, who was commissioned an Army nurse in 1967 after graduating from nursing school. Less than a year later, she was a chief surgical nurse tending to wounded and dying GIs at an evacuation hospital in Pleiku, South Vietnam.

"Many GIs were wounded in that war, but women were casualties, too," Evans said. Eight military women paid even a higher price — their names are engraved on the Vietnam Memorial.

The idea for the statue came in the fall of 1983, when Evans, a Legionnaire of Fletcher-Pechacke Post 121 in River Falls, Wis., attended the "Minnesota Salute to Vietnam Veterans," with the hope of meeting other women veterans.

"I was shocked because I was the only woman who showed up," she said. This absence convinced her that women's contributions to the war effort were being ignored or, worse, forgotten. One thing that did catch her eye at the gathering was the sculptured bronze figures of soldiers created by Minneapolis artist Rodger Brodin, a former combat Marine in Vietnam.

"I asked him if he would sculpt a statue of a woman veteran from that era," Evans said. Brodin outfitted his model, a Minneapolis-area sheriff's radio dispatcher, with Evans' Army fatigues and combat boots, which were still stained with blood from her last day of duty in Vietnam. Several months later, Brodin unveiled a prototype statue.

"I knew immediately there was only one home for the statue — the Vietnam Memorial," Evans said.

Call it irony, perhaps, but it was on Memorial Day 1984 that Evans, another former Army nurse, Donna-Marie Boulay, and Jerry Bender, a Marine who served in Vietnam, began the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. Boulay, now a health-issue attorney in Minneapolis, is chairman and chief executive officer of the project. Like Evans, she has spent the past three years educating the public about the roles women played in Vietnam. Bender, who has a law practice, serves on the project's National Monument Council.

Since the program began, Brodin has constructed three 33-inch-high replicas of the statue. These replicas are displayed throughout the country to promote the project. One statue was on display at The American Legion's 69th National Convention in San Antonio. Earlier in the year, another was displayed at The American Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis.

"The Legion has been a tremendous help to us," said Boulay, a member of

FEL BARBANTE

SEEKING HELP — ***Evans, a distinguished guest at the 1987 National Convention, brought a replica of the statue with her.***

Minneapolis Bearcat Post 504.

"In 1985, the National Executive Committee passed a resolution in support of the project." Posts at Ellsworth and River Falls in the Department of Wisconsin were among the first to conduct fund-raising drives. Post 121, Watsonville, Calif.; Post 256, Parkton, Md.; and The American Legion Auxiliary Unit, Greenville, S.C., also held fund raisers.

Erecting the final version of the statue will cost an estimated $1.2 million. The price includes the cost of making the final bronze cast, and shipping and installing the statue. It's a mammoth job; that's why project officials earlier this year brought in Suzanne Mills-Rittman as executive director. She coordinates a network of volunteers throughout the nation, all of whom are involved in fund raising and educating the public about women veterans.

'I KNEW immediately that there was only one home for the statue — the Vietnam Memorial.'

"Much of what has been raised thus far has been unsolicited," Mills-Rittman said. At press time, nearly $300,000 had been raised.

But raising funds is not the only obstacle project officials must overcome before their statue finds a home at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. A Gordian knot of red tape lies ahead of them — they must get approval from the National Capital Planning Commission, the Fine Arts Commission and the Department of the Interior.

"It's a slow process, no doubt," Boulay said. "But early in the project we decided we had to deal directly with Washington officials so that our concerns would be heard." As THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE went to press, Boulay met with Interior Secretary Donald Hodel in September, and he agreed to write letters requesting that the project be given early consideration by the Capital Planning and Fine Arts commission.

Meanwhile, the project is receiving support from others. Members of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and numerous lawmakers on Capitol Hill are among its backers. Gen. William Westmoreland, former Army chief of staff and one-time commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, is a member of the project's Honorary Council. Other significant support came from senators Alan Cranston of California and Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota, who are members of the VWMP Congressional Council.

"It's a well-thought-out tribute to the many women who provided critical support throughout the war," said Sen. David Durenberger of Minnesota. "This memorial statue that honors women who served in Vietnam would complete the healing process that was crystallized when the Vietnam Memorial was erected."

The American Legion also has pledged continued support for the statue. "Many Americans think that it is solely a man's duty to serve the nation during time of war," said Nat'l Cmdr. John P. "Jake" Comer. "But this nation has always called on its women during those times, and we must not let their service fade from our memories."

Providing all goes as planned, the women veterans have targeted Veterans Day 1988 as the dedication date.

"That would be the perfect time for the nation also to honor women who have watched their husbands, fathers, brothers, and even their sisters and daughters march off to war," Evans said. "They, too, should be remembered for their sacrifices." □

Contributions or requests for information on the project should be sent to Suzanne Mills-Rittman, Executive Director, Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Inc., 511 11th Ave., Box 45, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

THE LIE OF

By Ayn Rand

In November 1917, Russian revolutionaries enjoined the workers of the world to unite under the banner of communism, where each would produce according to his ability and receive according to his need, for the betterment of all. Seven decades of tyranny and agricultural, industrial and moral bankruptcy under communism have shattered this mirage of utopia, while robbing those oppressed by it of both the incentive to excel and even their human dignity. Ayn Rand, a Soviet émigré who lived in Lenin's Russia, unmasks the canard of communism in this excerpt from her best-selling novel Atlas Shrugged.

SOMETHING happened at that plant where I worked for 20 years. It was after the old man died and his heirs took over. There were three of them, two sons and a daughter, and they brought a new plan to run the factory: *that everybody in the factory would work according to his ability, but would be paid according to his need.*

We voted for that plan at a big meeting, with all of us present, 6,000 of us, everybody that worked in the factory. None of us knew just how the plan would work, but every one of us thought that the next fellow knew. And if anybody had doubts, he felt guilty and kept his mouth shut — because they made it sound like anyone who'd oppose the plan was a child-killer at heart and less than a human.

Do you know how it worked, that plan, and what it did to people? Try pouring water into a tank where there's a pipe at the bottom draining it out faster than you pour it, and each bucket you bring breaks that pipe an inch wider, and the harder you work the more is demanded of you, and you stand slinging buckets 40 hours a week, then 48, then 56 — for your neighbor's supper — for his wife's operation — for his child's measles — for his mother's wheelchair — for his uncle's shirt — for his nephew's schooling — for the baby next door — for the baby to be born — for anyone anywhere around you — it's theirs to receive, from diapers to dentures — and yours to work, from sunup to sundown, month after month, year after year, with nothing to show for it but your sweat, with nothing in sight for you but their pleasure, for the whole of your life, without rest, without hope, without end...

We're all one big family, they told us; we're all in this together. But you don't all stand working an acetylene torch 10 hours a day — together, and you don't all get a bellyache — together. What's whose ability, and which of whose needs comes first? When it's all one pot, you can't let any man decide what his own needs are, can you? If you did, he might claim that he needs a yacht — and if his feelings are all you have to go by, he might prove it, too.

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"YOUR HONESTY was like a tool left at the mercy of the next man's dishonesty."

Why not? If it's not right for me to own a car until I've worked myself into a hospital ward, earning a car for every loafer and every naked savage on Earth — why can't he demand a yacht from me, too, if I still have the ability not to have collapsed? No? He can't? Then why can he demand that I go without cream for my coffee until he's replastered his living room?...

Well, anyway, it was decided that nobody had the right to judge his own need or ability. We voted on it...We voted on it in a public meeting twice a year. How else could it be done?

Do you care to think what would happen at such a meeting? It took us one meeting to discover that we had become beggars — rotten, whining, sniveling beggars, all of us, because no man could claim his pay as his rightful earning, he had no rights and no earnings, his work didn't belong to him, it belonged to "the family," and they owed him nothing in return, and the only claim he had on them was his "need" — so he had to beg in public for relief from his needs, like any lousy moocher, listing all his troubles and miseries, down to his patched drawers and his wife's head colds, hoping that "the family" would throw him the alms.

He had to claim miseries, because it's miseries, not work, that had become the coin of the realm — so it turned into a contest among 6,000 panhandlers, each claiming that his need was worse than his brother's.

But that wasn't all. There was something else that we discovered at the same meeting. The factory's production had fallen by 40 percent in that first half-year, so it was decided that somebody hadn't delivered *"according to his ability."* Who? How could you tell it?

"The family" voted on that, too. They voted which men were the best, and these men were sentenced to work

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COMMUNISM

overtime each night for the next six months. Overtime without pay — because you weren't paid by time and you weren't paid by work, only by need.

Do I have to tell you what happened after that — and into what sort of creatures we all started turning, we who had once been human? We began to hide whatever ability we had, to slow down and watch like hawks that we never worked any faster or better than the next fellow. What else could we do, when we knew that if we did our best for "the family," it's not thanks or rewards that we'd get, but punishment?

We knew that for every stinker who'd ruin a batch of motors and cost the company money — either through his sloppiness, because he didn't have to care, or through plain incompetence — it's we who'd have to pay with our nights and Sundays. So we did our best to be no good.

WHAT was it they'd always told us about the vicious competition of the profit system, where men had to compete for who'd do a better job than his fellows? Vicious, wasn't it? Well, they should have seen what it was like when we all had to compete with one another for who'd do the worst job possible. There's no surer way to destroy a man than to force him into a spot where he has to aim at not doing his best, where he has to struggle to do a bad job, day after day. That will finish him quicker than drink or idleness or pulling stickups for a living.

But there was nothing else for us to do except to fake unfitness. The one accusation we feared was to be suspected of ability. *Ability was like a mortgage on you that you could never pay off.*

And what was there to work for? You knew that your basic pittance would be given to you anyway, whether you worked or not — your "housing and feeding allowance," it was called — and above that pittance, you had no chance to get anything, no matter how hard you tried.

There was a man who'd worked hard all his life, because he'd always wanted to send his son through college. Well, the boy graduated from high school in the second year of the plan — but "the family" wouldn't give the father any "allowance" for college. They said his son couldn't go to college until we had enough to send everybody's sons to college — and then we first had to send everybody's children through high school, and we didn't even have enough for that.

The father died the following year, in a knife fight with somebody in a saloon, a fight over nothing in particular — such fights were beginning to happen among us all the time.

Then there was an old guy, a widower with no family, who had one hobby: phonograph records. I guess that was all he ever got out of life. In the old days, he used to skip meals just to buy himself some new recording of classical music.

Well, they didn't give him an "allowance" for records — "personal luxury," they called it. But at the same meeting, Millie Bush, somebody's daughter, a

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"THERE'S no surer way to destroy a man than to force him into a spot where he has to aim at not doing his best, where he has to struggle to do a bad job, day after day."

PAINTING BY AMERICAN ARTIST MORT KUNSTLER

BEYOND THE CALL — *In U.S. history, 3,393 men and one woman have been awarded the Medal of Honor for military valor.*

MEDAL OF HONOR

VIGNETTES OF COURAGE

By Vernon Pizer

TRAVIS E. WATKINS

THE war had been going badly for the Republic of Korea troops and for the Americans who had come to their assistance. The communist forces that swept down from the north on June 25, 1950, were well-trained, well-equipped and supported by Soviet-supplied tanks and planes. They simply overwhelmed the ROK soldiers who were trying to stem their advance. The marked imbalance between the two sides was little changed by the few available U.S. Army units in Japan that had been hastily dispatched to Korea to comprise the core of a United Nations Command under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Of necessity, the U.N. strategy was to trade terrain for time, to fight delaying actions before withdrawing to fall-back positions, thus buying time for reinforcements to arrive from America. By mid-August 1950, the meager U.N. force had been pushed all the way back to the Naktong River in the southeast corner of the mountainous Korean peninsula. At that point, the first U.S. Army reinforcements arrived — the 2nd Infantry Division and a scattering of small units. They were immediately committed to combat.

The communists, so close to completing a sweep of the peninsula, fought fanatically along the entire front. On Aug. 31, in the vicinity of Yongsan, a large communist force penetrated the sector held by Company H of the 2nd Division's 9th Infantry Regiment, cutting 30 men off from the rest of the company.

The senior noncom in the isolated group, MSgt. Travis E. Watkins, assumed command and established a perimeter defense. Then, heedless of enemy fire, he moved from foxhole to foxhole to issue instructions, to adjust fields of fire, and to rally the men. All day long and into the night, the group held off a superior enemy force. And throughout the next day, Watkins and his men continued to frustrate enemy efforts to overrun them.

On the third day, Sept. 2, Watkins made his round of the foxholes, taking stock. With food and ammunition extremely short, the Americans' situation was grim. Watkins could do nothing about the food, but he thought there was a way to get more ammo — snatch it from the enemy.

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He watched alertly until he spotted two North Koreans firing from cover some 50 yards to his front. Leaping up, Watkins dashed toward them, firing his rifle as he ran. By the time he reached them, he had killed both soldiers. He was retrieving their weapons and ammunition when three other enemy soldiers close by began firing at him. He was wounded but returned fire, killing all three. Then he scooped up the weapons, ammo and grenades of all five soldiers and, wounded and heavily laden with his booty, ran back to his men.

Later that day, six North Koreans closed to a protected position to lob grenades at the Americans. Watkins rose to his feet to gain a clear view of the enemy. He was immediately struck by a machine-gun burst that shattered his spine. Bleeding profusely, he managed to remain erect and pick off all six before collapsing, paralyzed from the waist down.

Supine in a foxhole, Watkins continued to direct the defense. The night passed, and at dawn the paralyzed Watkins was forced to acknowledge that the American position was untenable. So the Texan ordered his men to make a sudden break for friendly lines, counting on surprise to give them the margin they needed. Because he would only burden them, he ordered the men to leave him behind. He smiled reassuringly, wished them luck and sent them on their way.

Intelligence later estimated that Watkins and his small band had killed an astounding total of nearly 500 enemy soldiers. In January 1952, Mrs. Watkins went to the White House to receive from President Truman the Medal of Honor, awarded posthumously to her heroic husband.

EDOUARD V.M. IZAC

ON THE morning of May 21, 1918, the "Atlantic Graveyard" gained its newest corpse. German subs had already sunk hundreds of Allied ships on the Atlantic run; now the U.S. transport *President Lincoln* was badly damaged portside by three torpedoes and sinking fast. After the ship slipped beneath the waves, the U-90 attacker surfaced and slowly weaved among lifeboats crammed with survivors, pausing only to remove an American officer. So began the unique odyssey of Lt. Edouard V.M. Izac, USN.

Taken below, Izac was interrogated closely by the U-90's captain, but steadfastly refused to divulge any military information. For the next 11 days, as the U-boat headed home, Izac remained silent. Then the sub reached the approaches to the giant German naval base at Kiel. Izac was allowed on deck, and he scrutinized the scene intently — shore defenses, shipping in the harbor, submarines in the pens, repair facilities. He resolved that somehow he would find a way to carry this vital information to the Allied headquarters in Paris.

For the next three days, intelligence officers interrogated Izac in Kiel. Finally giving up on him, his captors loaded him aboard a military train bound for the Villenghen prisoner-of-war camp. As the train got under way, escape was foremost in Izac's mind. He waited alertly for his opportunity; it came when the guard in his compartment was distracted. Leaping up, Izac hurled himself through the open train window, striking the ground with an impact that stunned him.

When he came to, he was ringed by guards with their rifles leveled at him. Battered and bruised, he was forced back on the train to continue to Villenghen, where he would join British POWs.

Still determined to make it to Paris, Izac lost no time in hatching an escape plan and recruiting a dozen British prisoners willing to make the escape with him. They bribed guards to bring them wooden planks, supposedly for use as tables. Actually, the planks were needed to build a ladder for scaling the high-voltage fence around the camp.

At 11 p.m. on Oct. 6, Izac short-circuited the lighting system with a wire he stole, plunging the camp into darkness. The POWs raced to the first barrier, a deep ditch. The guards, realizing that a break was under way, fired blindly into the dark, but hit no one.

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TRINITY — ***The Army, Navy (including Marine Corps and Coast Guard) and Air Force have separate Medals of Honor.***

Izac and his men reached the second barrier, a high parapet, and climbed up and over. The third and final barrier, an electrified fence, was the greatest challenge. It was on a separate circuit from the lighting system and was still alive with high-voltage current. But gingerly clinging to their homemade ladder, all made it safely across. Then the group split into teams of two to slip into Switzerland, 150 miles to the west.

Izac and his companion walked rapidly through the night, carefully skirting inhabited areas, and at dawn found cover in woods, where they took turns sleeping. This became their daily routine. For food, they ate vegetables stolen from farm fields. Covering more than 20 miles a night for seven nights, they reached the Rhine River opposite Switzerland.

The wide, swift Rhine was ominous, but they had to risk it. Izac's British companion entered the water first, but after only a few strokes he was swept downstream by the powerful current and was never seen again. Izac plunged in and was at once buffeted by the rushing river.

For half an hour the contest between swimmer and mighty river continued. Izac could feel his strength ebbing away when at last, his foot struck bottom. Coughing up river water, he crawled up on Swiss soil.

The Swiss gave Izac a hot meal and dry clothes, and put him on a train bound for Paris, where he turned over the intelligence he had gathered to the Allied command. A grateful America saluted Izac by awarding him the Medal of Honor. □

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THE PROBLEMS OF LIMITED WAR

America's foray into limited warfare began with the Korean War and continued in Vietnam. That strategy was doomed at the start.

By Ernest Cuneo

THE United States has waged two major wars since 1945, both highly unsuccessful and both deviating from the principles that won two world wars.

Traditionally, American military thinking has rigorously followed the precepts of Gen. Karl von Clausewitz, an early 19th-century Prussian. Clausewitz held that Napoleon's tactics of grouping large armies into a great array that conquers in a great battle was the key to Napoleon's triumphs. Clausewitz taught that effective war is waged by pushing violence to its utmost bounds. Its objective is to break the enemy's will to resist. Its cardinal rule is that *unlimited force* must be used.

However, since 1945, the United States has abandoned these principles. In both Korea and Vietnam, the United States attempted to fight *limited* wars.

In Vietnam, by Clausewitz's standards, the United States and South Vietnam were defeated because the United States failed to impose its will. The North Vietnamese drove out the American and South Vietnamese forces, broke the will of the South Vietnamese people to resist, then imposed communistic rule upon the fallen nation.

HANDICAPPED — ***American GIs fought gallantly in Vietnam, but the United States failed to impose its will.***

According to Clausewitz, defeat was inevitable; the so-called "enclave theory" of defense is an attempt to wage a *limited* war by defending one's territory.

In both Korea and Vietnam, the United States limited its armed forces to defending territory, forbidding them to advance north of certain latitudes — the equivalent of a football coach forbidding his defensive team to cross the line of scrimmage.

There can be no doubt that the Korean War inflicted a tremendous blow on the United States. Secretary of State Dean Acheson declared, "If the best minds in the world had set out to find us the worst possible location to fight a war, the

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unanimous choice would have been Korea." Though he did not realize it, Acheson was paying great tribute to the wiles of the Kremlin and to Sun Tzu, a Chinese military theorist of 2,400 years ago.

The Pacific struggle is not over; it is mounting. Encouraged by the fall of Vietnam, the Kremlin is playing a far bolder hand in the western Pacific. Cam Ranh Bay, a thriving naval port when it was abandoned, is being expanded into a mighty Soviet naval base, the equivalent of the powerful British maritime fortress at Singapore.

The analysis of the Korean and Vietnam wars has precipitated a searching re-examination of the Occidental and the Oriental military minds. While the West has slavishly followed Clausewitz, the communists equally have relied on the teachings of Sun Tzu. Indeed, the future of the world may well be decided by the mortal duel between the tactics of Clausewitz and Sun Tzu.

The two theorists reached diametrically opposed conclusions from the same facts. Thus, according to Clausewitz, Napoleon conquered Europe by winning great battles. Nothing of the kind, according to Sun Tzu's philosophy: Napoleon lost his wars, and his empire, because he fought great battles. Moreover, he overextended himself. The Russian winter finished off his Grand Army of 375,000 excellent soldiers. The Battle of Waterloo was merely the final blow to his exhausted armies.

Also, according to Sun Tzu's line of thinking, the Kaiser and Hitler blindly followed Clausewitz, and twice, precisely like Napoleon, won big battles in the Soviet Union — and lost two world wars.

By contrast, the basic teaching of Sun Tzu is that the supreme military achievement is subduing an enemy without fighting. Sun Tzu holds that the enemy's main army should never be attacked. It must be exhausted by forcing it to march to the defense of its weaknesses — never offering it battle — maneuvering it into constant effort and harassing it when it seeks rest.

Most important, Sun Tzu invented the full intelligence system, the prototype of the Soviet KGB. Calling it the "divine skein," Sun Tzu regarded the intelligence system as the prime striking force in waging war.

Under this system were five classes of agents: native country people who reported on terrain and living conditions; inside agents such as corruptible enemy officials who ascertained enemy plans, created internal dissension and provided continuous intelligence on enemy strengths and weaknesses; "double agents," or spies who could be "turned around" by bribing or threatening them; "expendables," who functioned by furnishing false information to the enemy ("disinformation," which is a category that the KGB raised to full department status); and those who moved in and out of every territory, ostensibly on legitimate business — a prime source of intelligence for the Soviets today.

AP / WIDE WORLD

MAC'S STAND — ***MacArthur opposed limited territorial war in Korea.***

THE Soviets used secret U.S. orders to MacArthur in persuading China to enter the Korean War.

Sun Tzu's strategy called for these agents to work from within, creating dissent and confusion in the enemy's ranks. As the enemy became exhausted, it would lose its will to resist; its forces then would collapse without a battle.

Circumstantial evidence is overwhelming that Stalin and Marshal Shaposhnikov, supreme Soviet strategist in World War II, relied more on Sun Tzu than on Clausewitz. Losing great battles but inflicting terrible casualties, they lured Hitler's armies out to Stalingrad, where the Red armies annihilated them.

During the war and shortly after it, Stalin demonstrated his allegiance to Sun Tzu by embarking on a policy of bloodless world conquest. Red armies crossed the borders of Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania, and subdued those countries with little effective resistance. Chunks of Finland and all of the occupied Baltic States were similarly gobbled.

Despite the warnings of Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan of the Office of Strategic Service (forerunner of the CIA), in Eurasia alone the Kremlin annexed or dominated an empire of some 2 million square miles and nearly 200 million people, losing less than a battalion in the process. The march continues — Angola and Ethiopia, Cuba and Nicaragua.

When Stalin refused to get out of Iran pursuant to treaty, President Truman sent the *USS Missouri* to Istanbul and told Stalin either to get out or get thrown out. Stalin got out. He would not fight the military forces of the United States. This is basic, according to the teachings of Sun Tzu. Again, when Tito's communists attacked Greece and Truman sent aid, Stalin told the Yugoslavs to get out; they were risking major war with the U.S.-British alliance.

But perceiving that the United States was committed to a policy of military containment, Stalin used North Korea to bait the United States into a draining foreign war in which Soviet forces

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RED SKELTON

America's Beloved PRINCE OF CLOWNS

For more than 60 years the Hoosier redhead has enriched the lives of Americans with his good clean humor and his old-fashioned patriotism.

By Paul Martin

HE SLEEPS three and a half hours a night; writes five songs, a short story and a love letter to his wife every day; and makes 75 concert appearances a year, ending each show with the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 74, Red Skelton is everybody's favorite clown and a man of unlimited talents. He has starred in movies, television, radio, vaudeville, medicine shows, minstrel shows, burlesque, walkathons and state fairs. He has written books for children of all ages; symphonies; thousands of songs; short stories; and scripts for radio, television and movies. His paintings have sold for as much as $40,000.

Where does he get his energy? "Many people don't realize that when I'm on stage, I'm under the influence of money," he quipped.

Throughout his career, which began when he ran away from home at age 10 to join a medicine show, Red has emphasized patriotism. *The Red Skelton Songbook* contains songs such as "American Through and Through," "Freedom and Glory" and "Praise the Flag."

"It's a pretty nice country to stand up for," said Skelton, "and sometimes you have to remind people. It took me two years to get my interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance on my TV program. Each time I put it in the script they would cut it out because they'd say the show was too long. Finally they said it sounded like I was preaching.

"I told them my schoolteacher did it and I would do an impression of my schoolteacher. They still cut it. I asked them why and they said, 'We don't want that crap on the air. We're trying to reach the young kids.' This was during the Vietnam conflict. They said, 'Why don't you write protest songs like the kids do?' I told them that I don't have anything to protest in this country except those kids. They say wisdom comes with age. Some of those kids will have to wait until then. I don't dislike anybody, but I certainly am grateful for being a citizen of the United States."

When the producers finally allowed him to recite his interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the public reaction was overwhelming. TV-station switchboards across the country were inundated with phone calls of praise. Letters poured in by the thousands, most requesting a copy of the pledge. Thousands also wanted a record of Skelton reciting it. Columbia Records issued a record of the pledge, and it soon hit the best-seller charts.

CONGRESSMEN and senators read the pledge into the *Congressional Record* and sent letters of commendation to Skelton. In 1973 he recited the pledge on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

The City Council of Los Angeles issued a resolution praising Skelton as "the man who in these troubled times, with dignity, humility and simplicity, reminded all Americans that our country is 'One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.' " He has won 48 awards for Americanism and his unabashed display of love for his country.

An authentic show business legend, Skelton has very simple advice for a young person starting out in show busi-

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ness: "Just work wherever you can. Don't worry about money. It'll come to you. Most of the young people want to be stars yesterday. I haven't reached it yet, but I enjoy what I do so it doesn't make any difference."

Skelton's life of comedy began at the age of 5 in Vincennes, Ind. His mother, a charwoman in a building that housed the local theater, got show tickets for her four sons. Skelton had never seen a show of any kind before, and when a comedian came on he watched the audience respond. That was it. He told his mother that's what he wanted to do when he got older — try to make people laugh.

"So I went home and got a cardboard box," Skelton said. "I cut out the sides and made a stage and took clothespins — the ones with the little heads on them — cut the head in half and painted faces and clothes on them, and they became my actors. It was like a Punch and Judy show. Then I started watching people; they do funny things. Over the years, just by watching people, I learned many things that would fit in with my comedy."

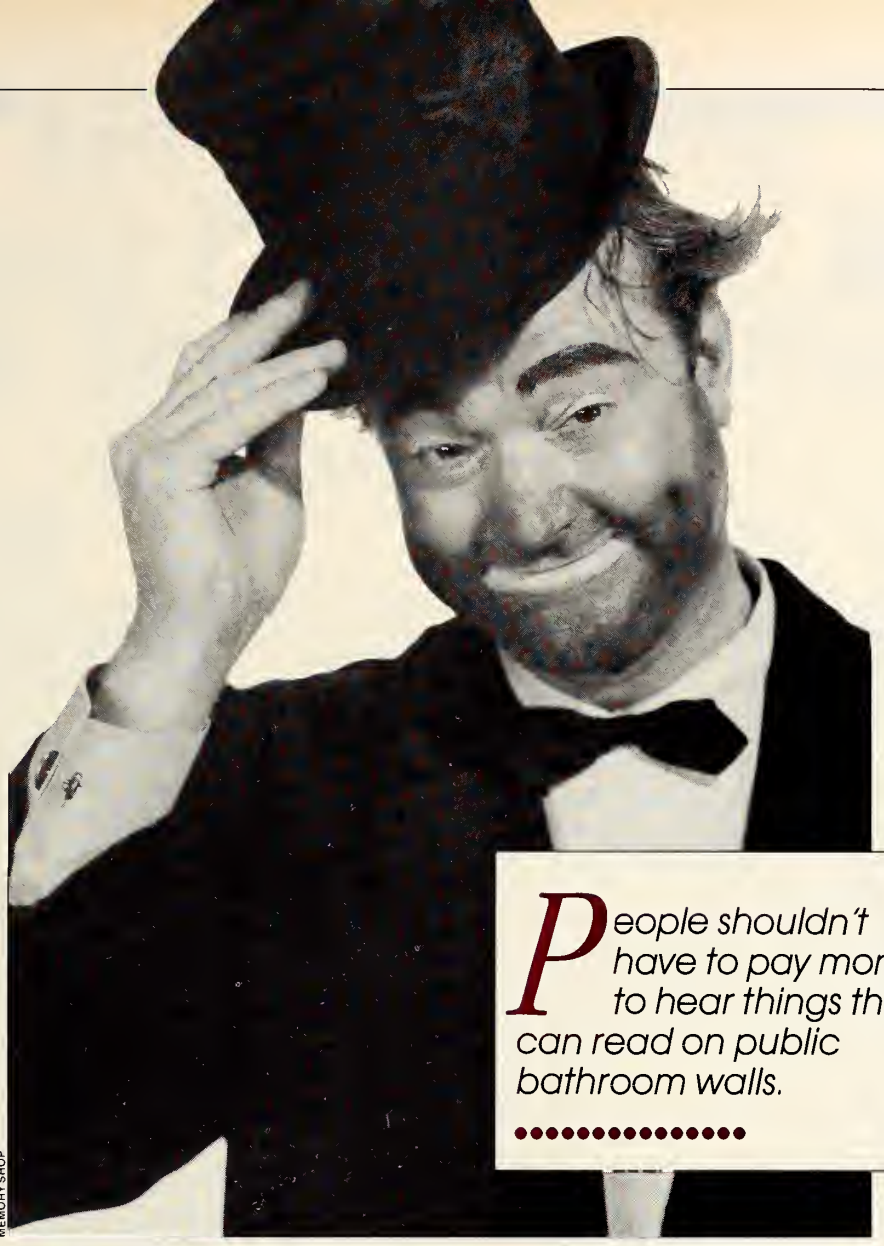
His famous characters, Clem Kadiddlehopper, Willie Lump Lump, Cauliflower McPugg and the others still have their loyal followers.

"They all receive fan mail," said Red. "At Christmas two years ago Freddy the Freeloader got several cards saying we know you're not on the air anymore, but have a nice Christmas. Each card contained a few dollars. I sent each person a reproduction of one of my oil paintings with a note from Freddy saying, 'Thanks, but Red takes very good care of me. I work around the house and travel with him.'"

Skelton's paintings sell for thousands of dollars — not bad for an artist who never had a lesson.

"I always liked painting," he said. "When I was a kid in school I'd stay after school and clean the paint pot and scrape the paint off the jars for myself. For a brush I'd cut big hunks of hair off the back of my head and tie them on a pencil with a string. I had a lot of hairy paintings.

"When I was playing burlesque in Chicago I would go to the art galleries in my spare time. I'd never seen surrealistic paintings before and asked the curator if some kids had come in and marked up the walls. He named some famous artist and said, 'Do you see that painting? Five thousand wouldn't buy it.'"



People shouldn't have to pay money to hear things they can read on public bathroom walls.

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GRATEFUL CITIZEN — ***Skelton tips his hat to America every chance he gets.***

"I said, 'Yeah, I'm one of the 5,000.' I went out and bought some oils and have been painting ever since. You have to be careful. You can't believe what people tell you. I painted a picture with a lot of yellow flowers in it. Somebody saw it and said, 'That's a Van Gogh.' I said 'No, I painted that.' He said, 'No, that's a Van Gogh.' Finally, my wife said, 'What's this Van Gogh stuff? You're Red Skelton.' So I went down to the hospital and had them sew my ear back on.

"Painters have a tough life," Skelton said. "The one I feel sorry for is Michelangelo. He lay on his back for seven years in the Sistine Chapel painting the ceiling, and the Pope comes in and says, 'That's nice, but we're going to need a second coat.'"

In an age when many comedians use language that would shock a mule, Skelton still does a family show. His humor is warm, compassionate and wholesome.

"I don't think comedians need to use profanity and four-letter words," he said. "If you're funny, you're funny. I don't believe people should have to pay money at the box office to hear things they could read on public bathroom walls. That kind of talk is a shortcut for thinking. Sometimes comedians get panicky and they want to hear a laugh, so they either use a four-letter word or they insult people in the audience. The audience may laugh at the moment, but as soon as it leaves the theater, dignity returns. Many in the audience ask, 'Why did I go to hear this?'"

Skelton starred on television for 20 consecutive years, and his show was always top-rated. However, his enthu-

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More than 2.2 million veterans with service-connected disabilities may receive a 4.1 percent increase in their monthly VA compensation checks next year. The House in July passed H.R. 2945, which authorizes the cost-of-living increase, effective Dec. 1 and payable in January checks. The bill now must clear the Senate.

The increase also would apply to dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) benefits paid to about 265,000 spouses and 48,000 children of veterans who died in service or who died of service-connected causes.

In passing the bill, Congress also rejected an administration proposal to tie the compensation COLA to the consumer price index, just like the non-service-connected pensions and Social Security. The Legion has long opposed any attempts to link compensation COLA with the CPI.

H.R. 2945 also would add three diseases — peripheral neuropathy due to trauma, spastic colon and peptic or duodenal ulcers — to the list of disabilities presumed to be service-connected for former prisoners of war. In addition, the bill would change from six months to 90 days the minimum period of captivity for former POWs to qualify for dental-care benefits.

The medal honoring American prisoners of war should be ready for distribution by December, DoD officials reported. The POW medal was expected to be minted last summer, but production problems caused a delay.

Designated by Congress as the military's highest decoration for service, the medal will go to U.S. servicemen and women who were taken prisoner after April 5, 1917. A DoD spokesman said more than 140,000 military veterans and next of kin are eligible for the award. The medal consists of an eagle surrounded by barbed wire and bayonet points, and includes the inscription, "For Honorable Service While A Prisoner Of War."

Some details concerning eligibility criteria and distribution of the medal still need to be ironed out.

Despite earlier confusion, more than 99 percent of America's draft-eligible youths are complying with the law to register with the Selective Service System. Since the registration was reinstituted in 1980, more than 16 million young men have signed the service rolls.

"There was confusion at first because some of the young men thought they were about to be drafted," said a Selective Service spokesman. "But after the registration was clearly explained, there has been virtually total compliance. They now know that peacetime registration is merely that. It would take an act of Congress to return to the draft."

The Military Selective Service Act requires that male U.S. citizens and male aliens between the ages of 18 and 26 residing in the United States must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. The law applies to men born on or after Jan. 1, 1960. Registration is a simple process, according to the spokesman. Young men may go to any post office to fill out a form requiring name, address, Social Security and telephone numbers, and date of birth.

The spokesman noted that Selective Service registration is mandatory for all draft-eligible youths seeking federal benefits such as student financial aid, job training and employment. In any event, failure to register is a felony, with a penalty of a fine up to $250,000, five years in jail, or both.

The American Legion supports full funding of the Selective Service System to ensure that DoD's manpower needs can be met in an emergency.

Wide-sweeping reform in the VA home loan guarantee program has been approved by Congress and sent to the Senate. The bill, H.R. 2672, is designed to give veterans better assistance in buying homes and keeping them.

"This reform measure is one of the most comprehensive since the inception of the VA home loan guaranty program," said Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio, sponsor of the bill.

The bill would increase the amount of a home loan the VA will guarantee from $27,500 to $40,000 or 40 percent, whichever is less. Under current VA home loan policies, the VA guarantees a lender 60 percent of the loan amount, up to $27,500. The increased guarantee makes higher loan amounts less risky to lenders, thereby making it easier for veterans to finance higher-priced homes. The change concomitantly would decrease the amount of a veteran's indebtedness to the VA if he should default on a home mortgage backed by a VA guarantee. The bill also would:

- Require increased VA efforts in servicing loans and counseling delinquent homeowners on avoiding foreclosures.
- Authorize loans up to $8,400 for veterans facing foreclosures.
- Authorize additional loans to prospective buyers to rehabilitate properties acquired by the VA.
- Authorize the VA to discount properties to groups using them to assist homeless veterans.
- Allow homeowners who do not live in the home — such as military people stationed elsewhere — to refinance their loans.
- Relieve a veteran from liability if his loan is assumed and the buyer defaults on his obligation to pay.

One feature of the bill that the Legion opposes is the two-year extension of the 1 percent user's fee a veteran must pay for a VA loan guarantee.

A map of VA regional offices and medical facilities is available to Legionnaires and prospective members. Posts may receive maps by contacting their departments, which have been issued bulk shipments. "The map was produced by National Headquarters primarily to assist veterans who have need of VA services while traveling around the country," said a Legion spokesman.

The map, which contains information on travel, lodging discounts and Legion programs, also was offered to prospective members during recent TV commercials. □

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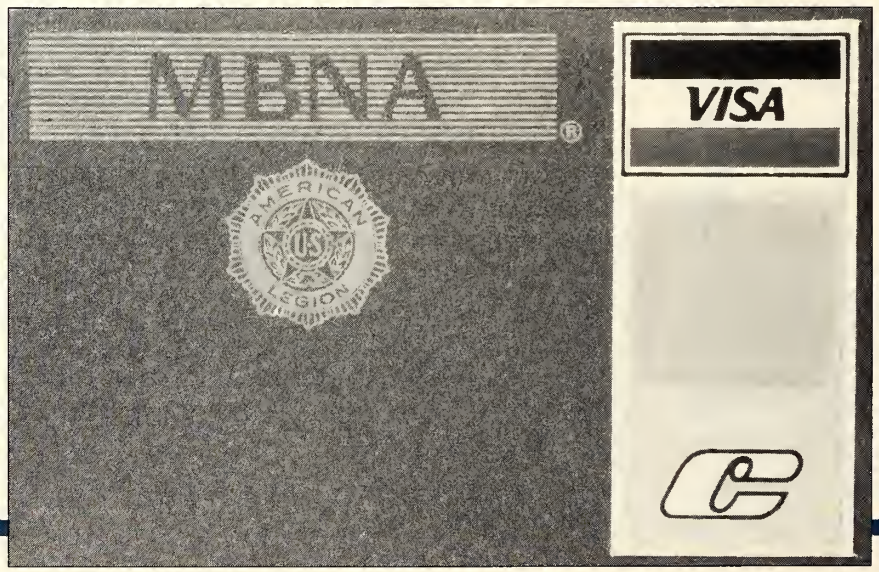

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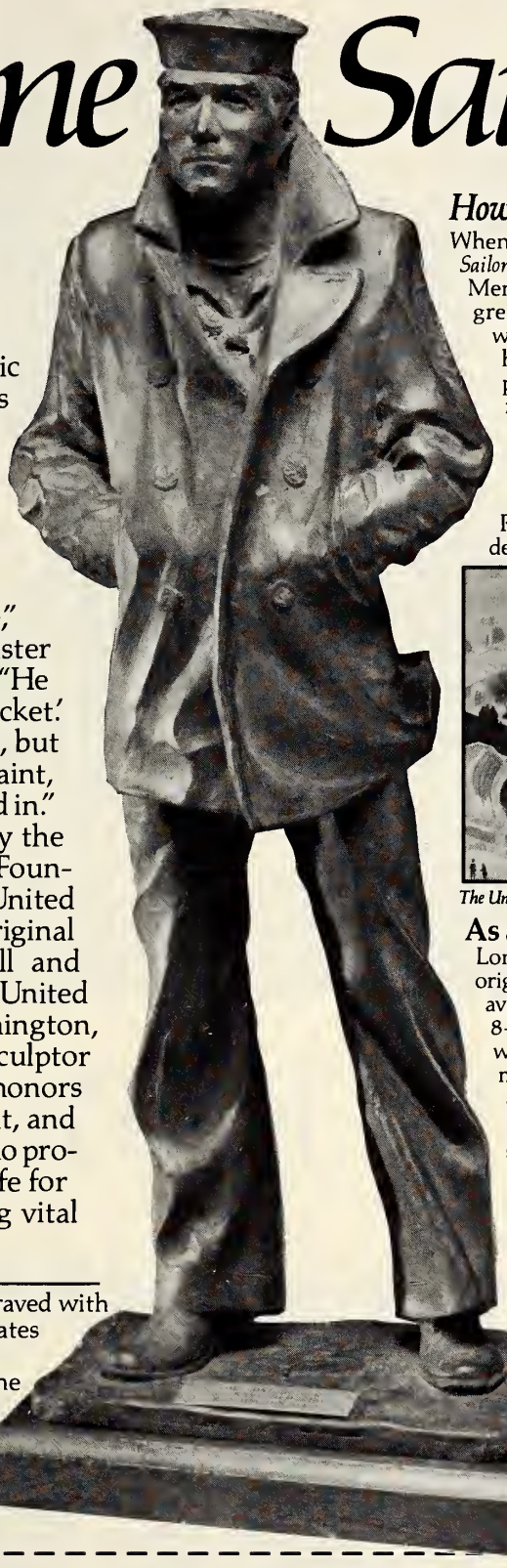

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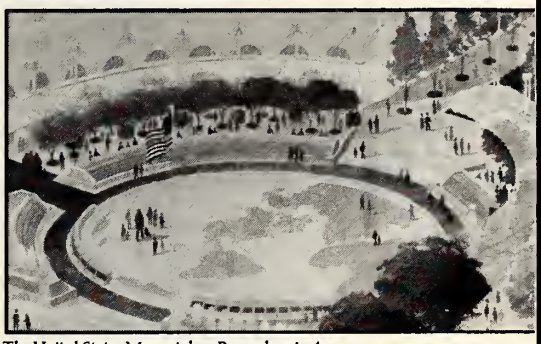

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The American Legion's 69th National Convention

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WELCOME—*Nat'l Cmdr. Dean presents the PCAG report on Central America to Legionnaires at the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium.*

REPORT FROM *San Antonio*

"WE MUST convince the Sandinistas that it is in their interests to deliver on the promises of the Nicaraguan revolution—promises made to their own people, promises made to the world. And we must convince the Soviet Union that it will not be allowed to build bases in Central America without interference from the United States," Nat'l Cmdr. James P. Dean told the 6,200 delegates and alternates at the 69th National Convention, held Aug. 21-27 in San Antonio.

Dean was voicing The American Legion's concern about communist expansion in Nicaragua. He amplified his remarks with a 20-minute videotape on Central America—a report of the Legion's Policy Coordination and Action Group—shown on a giant screen in the San Antonio Municipal Auditorium. He told delegates that the video, along with a special edition of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE that was distributed at the convention, was critical to their understanding of Central America and the need for a unified U.S. response to the "crisis next door."

"As a people, we have always taken for granted that those we elect, and their appointees, are experts in diplomacy and foreign affairs," Dean said. "The outcome of failed diplomacy and flawed foreign policy is war. The fact that the majority of America's veterans are wartime veterans is mute testimony to the legacy of failed diplomacy. Despite their best efforts, the 'experts' have failed to keep us out of four major conflicts since 1917."

Dean said he and other members of the Legion's Policy Coordination and Action Group went to Central America in June and July. There they served as the eyes and ears of all Legionnaires to sort out fact from fiction and to prepare recommendations to deal with the growing Soviet threat in Nicaragua.

Five days after Dean presented the PCAG report and policy recommendations to President Reagan, the administration released its peace proposal. A few days later, the leaders of five Central American nations offered their version of a peace plan patterned, with some exceptions, after the Arias Plan, proposed by Costa Rican President Arias Sanchez in February.

"The Reagan plan closely parallels The American Legion's recommèndations," Dean said, "including the proposal to lift the economic embargo against Nicaragua, a policy we see as damaging the middle class and stripping the nation of potential leadership in establishing true democracy there."

He said the five-nation plan is flawed because it fails to ensure free elections and does not ban Soviet or Cuban military aid to Nicaragua, although the United States must cease giving such support to the Contra freedom fighters.

Dean urged Legionnaires to support Legion goals for the region, including aid to the Nicaraguan Democratic Resistance (Contras), economic and cultural assistance to the fledgling democracies of Central America, lifting the Nicaraguan embargo, and establishing a bipartisan U.S. policy for the region.

"Each of us must enlist the support of our fellow Americans to ensure that we are not threatened by the establishment of another Soviet beachhead in our hemisphere," Dean said. "Congress must hear us. The administration must hear us.

"I am proud to be your National Commander, but I will not presume to speak for every one of you. I think, though, that none of you wants your children or grandchildren to fight a war that could have been, and should have been, avoided. We cannot just sit back and ignore a policy we think can lead to yet another failure."

Dean's opening address set the tone for the convention as delegates went on to adopt 93 resolutions (see p. 64), aimed mostly at improving national security and foreign relations, and at preserving veterans' benefits and health care.

AT THE MIKE — ***Nat'l Cmdr. Dean (right) conducts a press conference for San Antonio media and (above) accompanies Nat'l Adj. Robert W. Spanogle in "This Land Is Your Land" during the Commander's Banquet.***

About 19,000 Legionnaires and their spouses attended the convention. Despite high humidity and temperatures in the 100s, delegates bent to the tasks of establishing Legion priorities for 1987-88 and electing a new commander and five vice commanders.

Presiding over the convention, Dean presented awards and introduced guests and speakers, including Vice President George Bush, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas and Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery of Mississippi.

In a special video message to Legionnaires, Reagan praised Dean for his leadership in The American Legion's constructive approach to the vital issues that face America.

"The Legion has plotted its own course, sought out the truths that others have ignored and now will be heard," Reagan said. "I am especially heartened by your enduring support of democracy in Central America and the freedom fighters struggling for it in Nicaragua.

"You have kept faith with America," Reagan continued. "And I pledge to you that America will keep faith with you and with those who follow in your footsteps. You have given so much, and still your giving goes on. I salute you. Thank you for all you do for America, and God bless you."

Bush also praised the Legion for its

WASHINGTON VIPs — ***Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, Sen. Bob Dole and Vice President George Bush addressed Legionnaires during the National Convention.***

CROWD PLEASER—*The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Washington, D.C., entertained Legionnaires and their families at the Festival.*

STAR PERFORMER—*Country-music star Louise Mandrell headlined Festival entertainment that included big-band sounds, flamenco dancing and a fireworks display.*

dedication to a strong national defense and to the American way of life. "Your contributions to the nation, through community and youth activities, from blood drives to baseball to Boys State—and your continuing service to your fellow veterans, particularly your volunteer work in VA hospitals—merit special campaign ribbons for you all."

He criticized Congress for interfering with the President's efforts in Central America and pledged that the Contras will not be left "twisting in the wind. We cannot—and this administration will not—cut and run."

Bush said Congress places too many restrictions on the President's ability to conduct foreign policy. "Sometimes a President needs to take risks toward peace, and he doesn't need to be blocked every step of the way."

In rebuking a group of congressmen who filed suit against the President to block the deployment of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf, Bush asked, "What kind of wacky world is this where the President is taken to court every time he moves our troops around in the security interests of the United States of America?"

Bush said that in foreign policy and intelligence matters, the relationship between Congress and the President should be a partnership founded on honesty and mutual respect, not on rigid legislative restrictions.

Dole, who is expected to announce his candidacy for President soon, said he is disturbed by a growing attitude in this country that minimizes the value of America's interests around the world while stressing the dangers and costs of those interests. "It used to be called isolationism," he said. "While it's in our power to give up our power, it's not in our interest. We can't cut and run and keep the name we have now. We can't cut and run and remain America!"

He told the Legionnaires that communism has to be stopped in Nicaragua. "Cuba's enough," he said. "We don't need No. 2 in Nicaragua."

Dole concluded his remarks by praising the Legion's policy of support for the Contras and warning that the United States is under attack. "Not direct armed attack," he said, "but a relentless, political, paramilitary and terrorist attack. The aim is to get us to pull back from our global responsibilities because once you get rid of Uncle Sam, you've got a clear path to spread whatever brand of aggression and oppression you happen to espouse."

Montgomery, chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, commended the Legion for supporting a strong national defense and for supporting the Contras. "That's the way to do it," he said, "without sending American boys down there."

However, he said he isn't pleased with governors who object to their National Guardsmen training in Central America. "We found out in Vietnam that the young men we sent there didn't know a thing about jungle fighting," he said. "The Reserves and the National Guard are the front line, and we have to give them the opportunity to train."

The Mississippi Democrat said veterans had a good year in Congress, thanks to the efforts of The American Legion. He said he supports many actions favored by the Legion: upgrading the post of VA administrator to Cabinet level, recovering lost allowances for veterans patients' travel from their homes to hospitals, changing VA employees' attitudes toward veterans, and bailing out home-owning veterans who face foreclosure on their VA loans.

Interspersed among speakers, Dean recognized Legionnaires and other Americans who distinguished themselves during the year. Among the awards presented were:

- The James V. Day "Good Guy" Award to Brig. Gen. Charles M. Duke Jr., USAF (Ret.), by the Past Department Commanders Astronaut Club.

WARMLY GREETED—*The Department of Mexico's Charros were favorites of the more than 8,000 parade spectators.*

NATION'S FINEST — ***Kelly AFB was among several military installations in the area that participated in the 4½-hour Legion parade, one of the largest in city history.***

HISTORIC SITE — ***The parade route led marching units through downtown San Antonio and past the Alamo, a popular sightseeing spot for Legionnaires.***

• The Employer of the Year Award for Hiring Veterans (more than 200) to Joseph Coors, vice chairman, Adolph Coors Co., Golden, Colo.; and (fewer than 200) W.A. Barbour Jr., president, Center Heating & Air Conditioning Co. Inc., Sanford, N.C.

• The William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy to the Department of Maryland.

• The American Legion Fourth Estate Award to ABC Radio News.

• VA & R's National Service Trophy to the Department of Tennessee.

A special plaque award and the passing of the colors brought to a close Dean's year as the Legion's chief officer, a year in which the organization attained its largest membership in 37 years: 2,827,500 Legionnaires.

After a rousing display of support —

E. ROY STONE JR. NAMED PNC

THERE is no finer teacher in this American Legion than Roy Stone," said PNC John H. Geiger of Illinois. Those words summed up the feelings of all Legionnaires when E. Roy Stone Jr., NECman from South Carolina, was awarded the title of Past National Commander at the San Antonio Convention — the ninth man to be so honored in Legion history.

Stone, "Dean of the NEC," on which he has served since 1953, was honored for his four decades of service to the Legion, veterans' rehabilitation and his community. A combat veteran of World War II, he joined James F. Daniel Jr. Post 3, Greenville, S.C., in 1946 after being discharged from the Navy. Since then, he has been a tireless worker for the Legion and his community.

"He is in every sense a true champion," said Past National Commander Daniel F. Foley of Minnesota in his remarks to convention delegates. "He is a champion for the cause of the veteran." Indeed, Stone's name is synonymous with veterans' programs in the

PNC E. Roy Stone Jr.

Legion and in his department. In 1969, the Legion presented him with its highest award, the Distinguished Public Service Award, for his work on veterans' rehabilitation programs.

A lasting tribute to him came in September 1971, when a 150-bed mental-health center was named the E. Roy Stone Jr. War Veterans Pavilion. That dedication was followed five years later by the dedication of the E. Roy Stone Jr. Building, Greenville Vocational Rehabilitation Center.

Stone's concerns have led in other directions, too.

"He is a champion for the youth in this country," Foley said, referring to Stone's extensive work with the Boy Scouts, which presented him the Distinguished Eagle Award and 50-year Scouting Service Award. For 27 years, Stone has also headed a special Christmas-season project that feeds the needy in Greenville.

The 75-year-old Stone is a partner in the real estate and insurance firm founded by his father. He has been married for 50 years to Edith Hames Stone, who until last year helped her husband with the family business. "I couldn't have accomplished what I have without her support and understanding over the years," Stone said.

The honor of Past National Commander caught the usually unflappable NECman by surprise. "This body has honored me beyond my just desserts," Stone said. "I don't know of any greater honor in this American Legion that can come to any man than to be National Commander. I'm touched by this, and I shall wear the title with pride." □

NEW OFFICERS — *New Nat'l Cmdr. Comer introduces Vice Commanders Neale V. Cabral, Leon Reed, Joe Frank Jr., W.P. "Bill" Petersen and Paul B. Phifer Jr.*

PROUD TRADITION — *A commemorative painting of The American Legion's history was presented to the Legion by Joseph Coors, vice chairman, Adolph Coors Co., Golden, Colo.*

including a 65-member marching band from Joseph F. Hill Post 156 of Waltham, Mass., and 800 Massachusetts Legionnaires marching around the convention floor waving 8-foot-high campaign posters — John P. "Jake" Comer, 55, a Korean War veteran from Quincy, Mass., was elected new National Commander by acclamation.

In his acceptance speech, Comer urged Legionnaires to become more vocal in supporting not only veterans'-benefits issues, but also national security issues. "Silence may be golden," he said, "but when it comes to the defense of this country, silence is a crime."

Comer, who visited Nicaragua in June with the PCAG, said the Sandinistas are building a huge airstrip that can accommodate Soviet strategic bombers. He asked to see the field but was not allowed to, even though the Sandinistas insisted that it is nothing more than a civilian facility. "The Nicaraguans are speaking out of both sides of their mouths," Comer said, emphasizing that aid to the Contras should continue because the Sandinistas cannot be trusted.

He reminded the delegates that the Legion should pursue its traditional concerns with great vigor. "No program is more important than that which serves the needs of the men and women who served their country," he said. Comer pledged to continue the fight against erosion of veterans' benefits and to help seek assistance for veterans who were victims of atomic radiation during the 1950s and 1960s. Addressing the POW/MIA issue, he said, "We must not lose faith with those men and women who are still captive in far-off lands in Southeast Asia and in Korea."

Comer said two of his important goals are reaching the 3-million mark in membership and raising $1 million for the Legion's Child Welfare Foundation.

Elected vice commanders were Neale V. Cabral, Conn.; Joe Frank Jr., Mo.; W.P. "Bill" Petersen, Mont.; Paul B. Phifer Jr., Va.; and Leon Reed, Ark. Newly appointed national officers were Rev. Jerry Salveson, Minn., national chaplain; Timothy A. Ryan, Mass., national sergeant at arms; and Edward F. Brennan, Ill., national historian. Reappointed officers were National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle, Mich.; National Judge Advocate Philip B. Onderdonk, Md.; and National Treasurer Webber LaGrange, Ind.

Meanwhile, delegates to the 67th National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary elected Mrs. (Ralph) Pearl Behrend of Racine, Wis., national president. Also, Richard L. League of Silver Spring, Md., was elected national commander at the 16th Sons of The American Legion Convention.

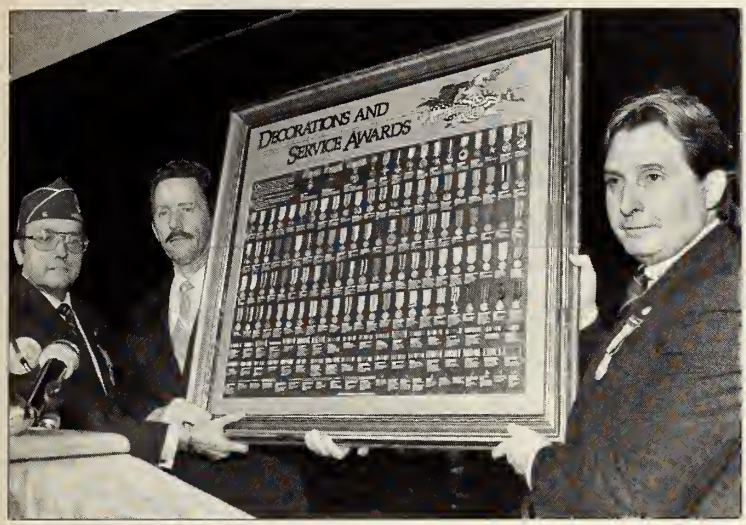
Comer and his family joined conventioneers in the benediction and saluted as the colors were retired. The 69th Convention adjourned, and delegates headed for their hotels to prepare for the journey home. Among the memories they would take with them were:

• The 85-unit American Legion Parade, one of the largest in San Antonio's history. Nearly 5,500 participants, including Legion departments from as far away as the Philippines, marched along the 1½-mile route of the 4½-hour parade. Many of the 8,000 spectators gathered near the reviewing stand, which faced the Alamo. Among the units were the Sikora American Legion Band from Tonawanda, N.Y., which captured top honors in the senior band competition; and the Cheverly Troopers of Post 108, Cheverly, Md., which took color-guard honors.

• The patriotic religious service held in the convention center. About 2,000 Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary and their spouses gathered to hear the Very Rev. Arthur J. Jakobiak of New Mexico, the national chaplain, deliver the memorial message. The memorial prayer was offered by Mrs. Horace P. Collins, national chaplain of the Auxiliary, and taps was sounded by buglers of the 5th Army Band from Fort Sam Houston.

Placing memorial wreaths in honor of the nation's war dead were Dean and Spanogle; Auxiliary National President Evelyn Starr and National Secretary Miriam Junge; Jean P. Hayes, le chapeau national of Eight and Forty, and Mary Malone, la secretaire caissiere; and Douglas Bible, national commander, Sons of The American Legion, and D. David Bourland Jr., SAL national adjutant.

• The American Legion Festival in La Villita, site of the original village of San Antonio. Thousands of Legionnaires and their families strolled through the narrow cobblestone streets, stopping to browse in quaint shops or to try one of Maria's tasty tortillas. Entertainment included flamenco dancing;



AUSSIE OFFERING — *Nat'l Cmdr. Dean accepts a framed collection of miniature U.S. medals from John W. Meyers and Warwick G. Cary of Cary International Corp., Australia.*

WINNING SMILES — *Newly-elected Nat'l Cmdr. Comer introduces Pearl Behrend, the new president of the American Legion Auxiliary.*

mariachi music; the big-band sounds, Texas swing and Dixieland, offered by the Air Force Band of the West; the martial and patriotic music of the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps from Washington, D.C., and the Joseph F. Hill Post 156 American Legion Band of Waltham, Mass. Festival highlights included a fireworks display and appearances by country-music star Louise Mandrell.

• The National Commander's Banquet, which featured the music of Dimensions in Blue, an ensemble of the Air Force Band of the West. The entertainment included an unexpected appearance by Dean and Spanogle, who attempted a duet of "This Land Is Your Land."

• The community obligation. In the hustle and bustle of convention business, Legionnaires did not forget their sense of community — they donated more than 85 units of blood to the South Texas Regional Blood Bank.

By Thursday afternoon, the Riverwalk of San Antonio was nearly deserted. Most of the visiting Legionnaires were on their way back to their 58 departments and 16,000 posts to spread the word about the Legion's priorities for the coming year.

A truck-and-trailer convoy of "Good Sam Club" bluecaps rolled quietly out of San Antonio, heading northeast. At the end of the convoy, a freshly drawn sign was taped to the silver-streaked home-on-wheels: "70th National Convention — see you in Louisville." □

NEW LEADER — *"Silence may be golden, but when it comes to national security, silence is a crime," Comer warned.*

MOMENT OF VICTORY — *Nat'l Cmdr. Dean, Jake Comer and Mrs. Comer share a standing ovation from the delegates.*

SWEARING IN — *PNC John H. Geiger of Illinois administers the oath of office to Comer, who was elected unanimously.*

America's top priority in Southeast Asia is accounting for the 2,413 missing U.S. servicemen, Air Force Col. Howard Hill told Legionnaires, but he added that the government still has not abandoned the search for the 78,000 Americans missing from World War II or the 389 missing from the Korean War.

"We are continuing to look for World War II missing. We have sent teams into New Guinea, where we have found crash sites and the remains of U.S. air crews," Hill said. "We have even gone to Belgium and France, and found mass graves at battle sites. We know where many are buried; we just don't know their identities."

Hill, who was a POW in North Vietnam for more than five years after his jet aircraft was shot down, said the United States is representing U.N. nations in seeking information about the 8,000 allied soldiers missing in Korea.

Noting that the VA and The American Legion do not agree on everything, VA Administrator Thomas K. Turnage said both have pledged to address differences "in a positive, productive, supportive manner."

Speaking at the convention, Turnage said the outstanding cooperation that the Legion gives the VA is in sharp contrast to those who seem to think that criticizing the VA will improve veterans' benefits.

"What we are seeing is counterproductive and harmful to those we serve," he said.

"In this time of intense competition among medical-care providers, the enemies of a separate health-care system for veterans make use of such criticisms of our system."

Turnage said the VA's enemies are attempting to entice eligible veterans away from the system and eventually hope to dismantle the VA in favor of contract medicine.

"The foreign-affairs budget we submitted to Congress for the current year was stripped to the bone," said Dr. Gaston J. Sigur, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. He admitted, however, that the severe cuts probably occurred because "grassroots support" for foreign affairs is very weak. Sigur told the Legion's Foreign Relations Commission that the budget covers U.S. military and economic aid programs, the operations of the State Department and the U.S. Information Agency, and programs to protect U.S. employees overseas from terrorists.

A VA official said the Legion was right all along about the types of veterans who seek medical treatment at VA hospitals. Dr. John Gronvall, the VA chief medical director, said the records support the Legion's long-standing claim that the overwhelming majority of veterans who seek VA health care are those who have service-connected disabilities and those who cannot afford to go elsewhere for treatment.

Gronvall, conceding that the means test is an additional administrative burden on the VA, said that one advantage of the means test is that "we now have the data to refute claims and prove we are not giving free care to rich people. Over the course of the next few years, Congress will have to deliberate whether the cost of administering the means test is worthwhile or not."

The top generals of the Army and Air Force brought the message of interservice cooperation to delegates at the National Convention. Speaking in separate addresses, Gen. Larry D. Welch, Air Force chief of staff, and Gen. Carl E. Vuono, Army chief of staff, said close harmony and a spirit of cooperation exist among all branches of the armed forces. They discounted stories of alleged service jealousies and said the services are providing taxpayers with the best defense for their dollars.

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Vuono praised the Legion for its support of the military. "You touch the nation from the small towns to the nation's capital," he said. "You're always on duty, and you've never hung up your uniform." Welch thanked the Legion for Boys State and American Legion Baseball programs in which he participated as a youth.

Welch said the United States always will have a technical edge on the Soviet Union. "It comes from incentives of the free-enterprise system," he said.

Four Legion youth champions were greeted with applause by convention delegates as they explained how Legion programs have helped them in 1987. This year's champions are Clifford W. Bishop, Boy Scout of the Year; Maryagnes Barbieri, National Oratorical Contest winner; Robert Sternfels, Boys Nation President; and Joe Grahe, Baseball Player of the Year. The four toured the historic Texas town and were recognized on the convention floor as Distinguished Guests of the National Commander.

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Stout Leads Boyertown To Baseball Championship

By Carl Lundquist

Catcher Wilbur Stout named Player of the Year, as Boyertown downs Vancouver to win second Legion title.

CATCHER Wilbur Stout belted a homer and kept opposing base runners on edge to lead Boyertown, Pa., to a 12-6 win over Vancouver, Wash., in the championship game of the 1987 American Legion World Series, played Sept. 7 in Stevens Point, Wis.

Stout's efforts earned him the George W. Rulon Player of the Year Award, given to the player who best demonstrates leadership and quality play throughout the series. The award is named in honor of George W. Rulon, who retired last year as national coordinator for Legion Baseball. Stout, 19, also won a $2,000 scholarship from Gatorade, which he will use at Temple University in Philadelphia.

For the Boyertown Bears, it was their second Legion title; the team won the World Series in 1982. But the road to victory in the 1987 tournament began with a shaky start for Boyertown, which bowed to Midwest City, Okla., 3-2, in the opener.

Boyertown subsequently posted a 22-3 win over Boulder, Colo., and routed Quincy, Ill., 10-0, in the double-elimination competition. The Bears reached the Labor Day finale by avenging their narrow defeat to Midwest City with a 6-2 victory and by sliding past West Tampa, Fla., 5-2.

The Boyertown-West Tampa pairing provided spirited competition between two previous series winners. West Tampa won the 1981 series in Sumter, S.C., and was led by Dave Magadan, who now plays infield for the New York Mets.

The Sportsmanship Award, presented in memory of James F. Daniel Jr., a longtime chairman of the Americanism Commission, went to Brett Blechschmidt, catcher for Vancouver.

Jeff Seymour of Boyertown and Tad Thompson of Vancouver shared the Rawlings Big Stick Award for most total bases, each with 26.

Vancouver's Stan Spencer was awarded the Bob Feller Pitching Award for most strikeouts, 38.

Greg Blevins of Midwest City swated his way to the Dr. Irving Cowger RBI Award, driving home 13 teammates; his teammate, Brad Dolejsi, was named winner of the Louisville Slugger Award for his .441 batting average.

Boyertown coach Dave Specht was presented the Jack Williams Leadership Award.

Other highlights of the series featured the play of two young men who have major-league ties. Pete Edward Rose, son of the Cincinnati manager and future Hall of Famer, showed much of his father's heralded hustle with his base stealing and roving infield defense. Rose's successful scramble to home plate was the first time anyone has stolen home in series history, according to Legion statistician John Guinozzo.

Vancouver's first baseman, Steve Bevens, carried on a family tradition of superb hurling in series play. Bevens' grandfather Bill Bevens, a former pitcher for the Yankees, narrowly missed pitching a no-hitter in the 1947 World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Final standings were Boyertown, 5-1; Vancouver, 3-2; West Tampa, 3-2; Midwest City, 2-2; Cincinnati, 1-2; Quincy, 1-2; Norword, Mass., 0-2; and Boulder, 0-2.

As the curtain fell on the 1987 American Legion Baseball season, baseball coordinator James Quinlan said that some changes might be made in qualifications for the Player of the Year Award. Quinlan said that eligibility for the award might be extended to players other than those who are in their final year of play. □

Carl Lundquist, an award-winning sports reporter and editor, has served on The American Legion World Series Selection Committee since 1979.

TEAM LEADER — *Wilbur Stout provided timely hitting and key defensive plays behind the plate for Boyertown.*

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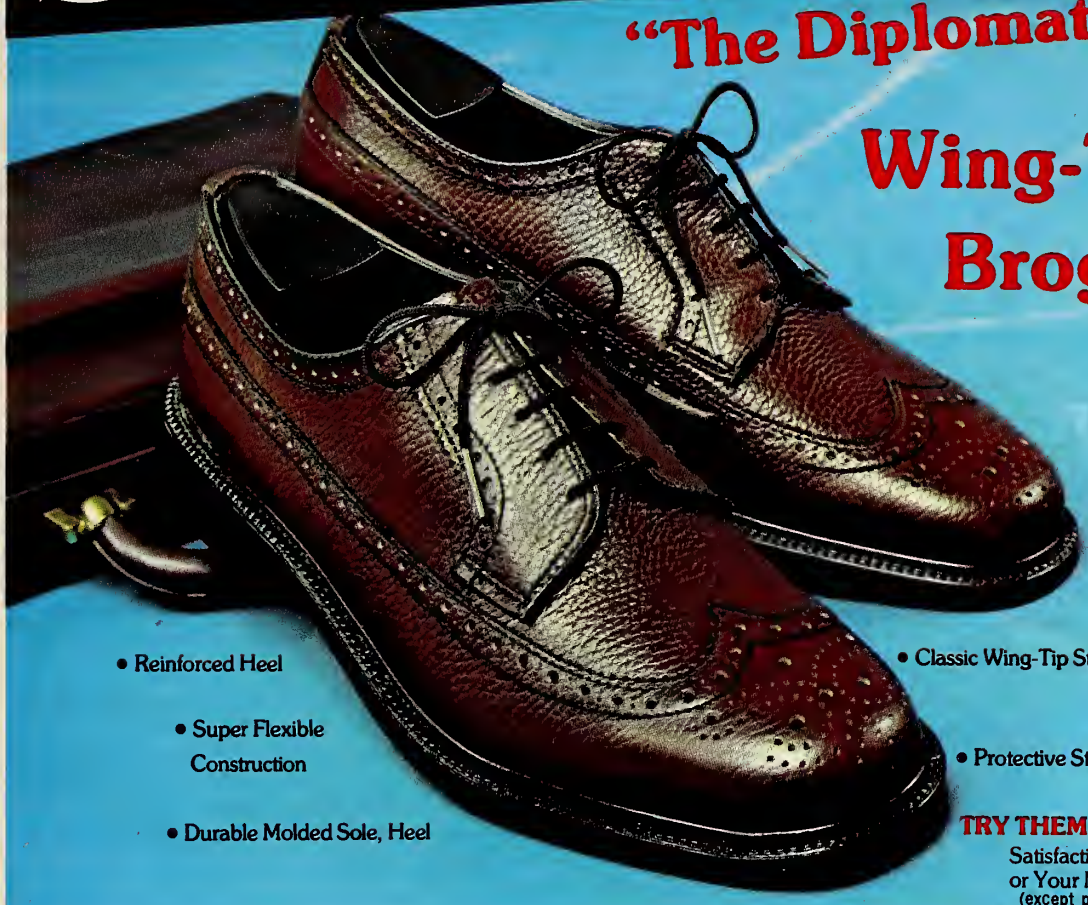

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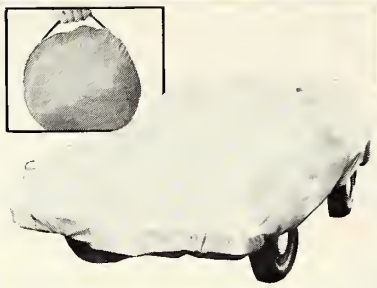

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LIMITED WAR

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would not be involved. Stalin first accelerated a global war of harassment. He instituted the Berlin Blockade, resulting in the grueling Berlin Airlift. The communist-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions initiated waves of hostile strikes, including the use of armed terrorists to prevent Marshall Plan supplies from landing.

Simultaneously, the Kremlin built up the North Korean army. When North Korea attacked South Korea, the U.N. Security Council voted to resist the aggression with armed force. The Soviet delegate could have stopped the war by exercising his nation's power of veto. Conveniently, he was absent. Thus, by not voting, the Soviets approved of the Korean War, and the United States, as champion of the United Nations, went in. Other U.N. members sent troops — but not the Soviet Union.

Then, in violation of traditional American tactics, U.S. forces in Korea were firmly ordered to wage only a limited territorial war. Ironically, President Eisenhower used the principles of Sun Tzu to end the Korean War: He reversed American policy and threatened unlimited war. Instantly, the frightened communist commanding general had Gen. Mark Clark awakened in the night to tell him he would negotiate.

Mao Tse-tung, relying on Sun Tzu for years, had avoided even the chance of war with the United States. No doubt contributing to Mao's peaceful attitude was the fact that China's coastal shipping, huge coastal cities and fishing industry were completely at the mercy of the U.S. 7th Fleet. Thus, China's stunning sudden attack in Korea caught American intelligence services totally by surprise. It wasn't until last year that the puzzle was solved. The KGB had a highly placed spy who had full access to American battle orders. It was a classic triumph of Sun Tzu tactics.

The West recently acquired the deathbed statement of Donald Maclean, the KGB spy who headed the American desk of the British Foreign Office. As secretary of the British-American Combined Policy Committee on Nontechnological Atomic Data, Maclean had access to all American nuclear secrets and passed them to the Soviets.

On his deathbed, however, the unrepentant renegade, like a dying artist claiming his unrecognized masterpiece, declared that his greatest coup was passing on to Stalin the secret orders of President Truman to Gen. Douglas MacArthur to limit any American military action to the Korean peninsula and not to cross the Chinese border.

Before the traitor to Britain revealed MacArthur's secret order, Mao had adamantly refused the Kremlin's request that China enter the Korean War, because he feared that American forces would invade China. However, with the information supplied by Maclean, Stalin convinced Mao that the American forces were ordered to fight only in Korea and never would invade China. Completely confident that MacArthur could fight only a limited war, Stalin gave Mao a guarantee that if U.S. forces did invade China, the Red army would enter the war in support of China. Thus, Maclean's information enabled Stalin to issue a pledge to Mao that he would never be called upon to keep. Mao thereupon attacked American forces.

Limited conventional war cannot be waged successfully. Neither can a nation remain on the defensive in an undeclared war waged against it by a relentless enemy that continues to protest that its intentions are peaceful.

Democracies are particularly vulnerable to undeclared wars. Like the United States, Athens was the citadel of democracy, a model of the open society. Philip II of Macedonia set out to destroy Athens by waging undeclared war against it while protesting peaceful intentions.

Three centuries B.C., Demosthenes warned the Athenians: "If Philip, having arms in his hand and a large force around him, professes peace while he carries on the operations of war, what is left but to defend yourselves? But if any man supposes this to be a peace which will enable Philip to conquer all else and attack you last, he is a madman. If we really wait until he avows he is at war with us, Athens will fall, for Philip would not declare war though his phalanxes were battering at the walls of Athens." Athens ignored Demosthenes, and Athens fell.

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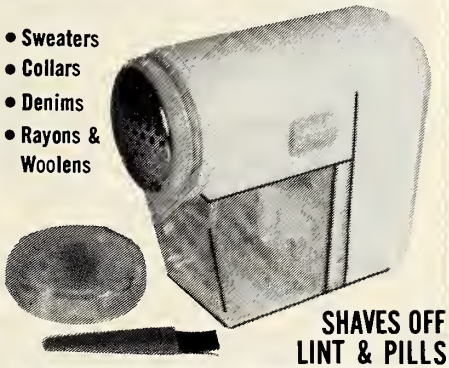

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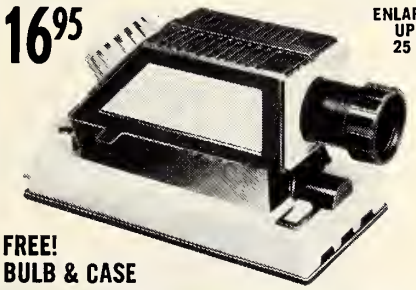

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Q. Is there any way to get that established?

A. Some efforts are being made in this direction. In Fairfax County, Va., they are discussing a merit-pay plan where there will be substantial increases for teachers evaluated as the best. But the teachers' union is now responding in the typical way, saying that teachers who score in the middle level of evaluation should get high raises, too.

I hope the people who argue for this are not the same people who are teaching children the comparatives — good, better, best. Best means something, and everybody knows the best *is* the best.

Q. You've been an outspoken critic of waste, inflated costs and poor quality in U.S. higher education. What improvements would you like to see made in this area?

A. I wouldn't object to our spending $112 billion on higher education, which is what we do in this country, if we are sure that the product is good. We have very little assurance of that. I think we need more evaluation in higher education, more accountability, more demonstration that those parents who save money and go into debt to send their children to college are getting a good return on their investment. It is time to face up to the question of quality in higher education, and I'm glad some people are doing it.

Q. What can Legionnaires or the average American do about getting better schools?

A. When it comes to elementary and secondary schools, the public can get better schools by becoming more involved, by demanding better results, a better product. We are not, in general, underfunding education in this country. The problem is that we are underaccountable in this regard. The public is really the group that owns the schools and to whom the schools are accountable. What parents and individual citizens can do is simply demand that they get better results for their well-spent, well-earned dollars. There are many people in the education field who are responding to that. We get a lot of mail from teachers, principals and superintendents, telling us, "You're right on

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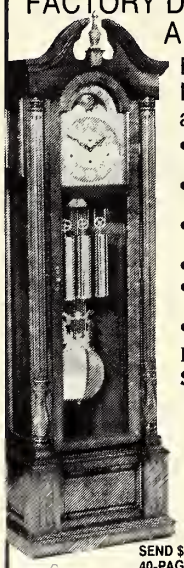

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Q. What more do you feel you need that would help attain your goals?

A. I am perfectly happy with what I have at my disposal. I have a great bully pulpit here, an opportunity to talk to the American people and carry on this conversation about education. I wouldn't want any more authority than I have or any more power than I have, because any power that comes to Washington will be affected by elections — will be affected by what Congress does — and the last group, believe me, that you want to determine a school curriculum is the Congress of the United States.

Q. Do we need to put more money into education?

A. No, we certainly don't need a larger budget. Education spending will go up next year in America by $15 billion to $20 billion, no matter what happens. The percentage of the gross national product represented by education is already 7 percent.

Q. And you don't think that is too low?

A. No, it's not too low. We spend more on education than any other country in the world. If excellence were a spending derby, we would win the triple crown.

Q. So how are we going to get back to basics?

A. Well, it's a matter of deploying the funds; it's how you spend the money that counts. The thing about visiting schools that has impressed me greatly is just how much these visits reconfirm the basic principles over and over again. If the school is well run by a good principal, if the kids are given homework and there are high expectations, if there is discipline and order, if there is an emphasis on good habits of behavior as well as intellectual skills, you have a good school. If these factors are missing, you don't have a good school. It's very simple.

Q. Assuming we continue to make headway on your recommendations, where can we hope to see U.S. education in five or 10 years?

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based on an allusion to Charlie Chaplin in *Modern Times*. Few of them had heard of Charlie Chaplin; fewer knew about the movie classic.

As I write this, the radio is broadcasting the news about the Walker family. Accused of spying for the Soviets, the Walkers, according to a U.S. attorney, will be the Rosenbergs of the '80s. One of my students thought Ethel Rosenberg was a singer from the 1930s. The rest of them didn't know.

Communication depends, to some extent, upon the ability to make (and catch) allusions, to share a common understanding and a common heritage. Even preliterate societies can claim this shared assessment of their world. As we enter the post-industrial "information processing" age, what sort of information will be processed? And as the educational establishment is driven "back to the basics," isn't it time we decided that a common understanding of our history and our planet is most basic of all?

As a teacher, I find myself in the ignorance-and-hope business. Each year hopeful faces confront me, trying to conceal their ignorance. Their hopes ride on the dispelling of that ignorance.

All our hopes do.

We should begin serving that hope more responsibly and dispelling that ignorance with a more systematic approach to imparting essential knowledge.

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COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Readers who can help these veterans are urged to do so. Usually an eyewitness statement is needed in support of a VA claim.

Notices are run only at the request of American Legion Service Officers representing claimants, using Search for Witness Forms available only from State Legion Service Officers. Please contact CID (number). The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206

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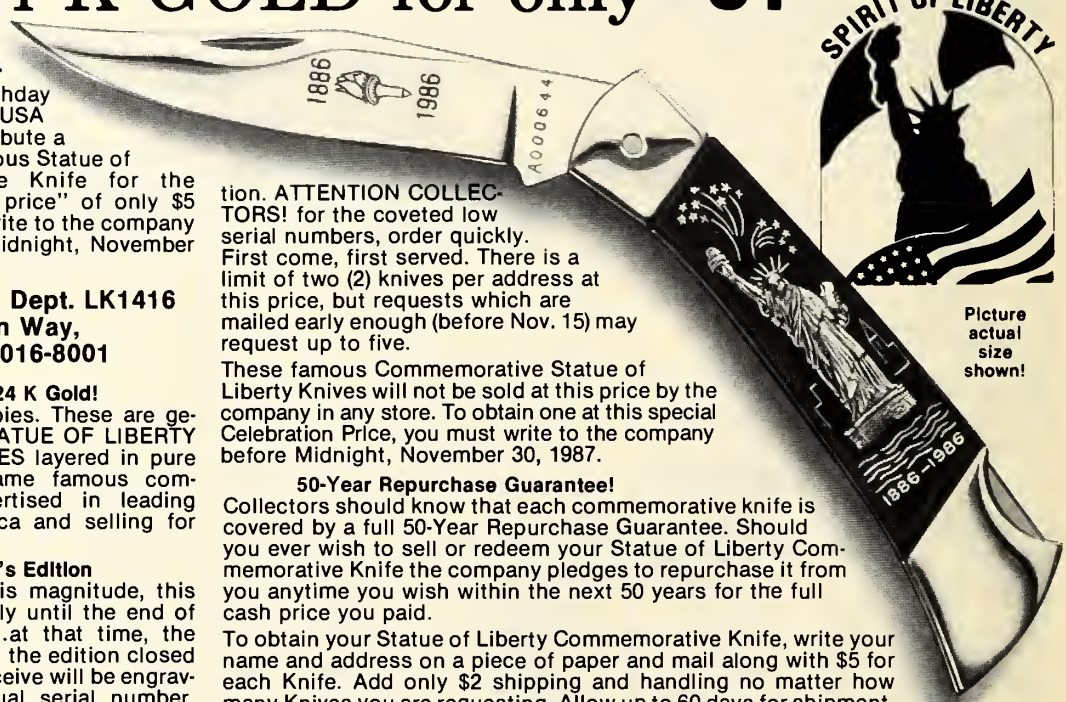

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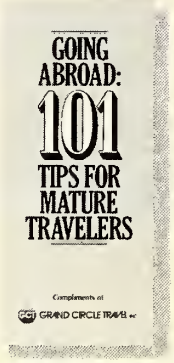

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mean, ugly little 8-year-old, was voted a pair of gold braces for her buck teeth — this was "medical need," because the staff psychologist had said the poor girl would get an inferiority complex if her teeth weren't straightened out.

The old guy who loved music turned to drink instead. He got so you never saw him fully conscious any more. But it seems like there was one thing he couldn't forget. One night, he came staggering down the street, saw Millie Bush, swung his fist and knocked all her teeth out. Every one of them....

There wasn't any "amusement allowance" for anybody. "Amusement" was the first thing they dropped. Aren't you always supposed to be ashamed to object when anybody asks you to give up anything, if it's something that gave you pleasure? Even our "tobacco allowance" was cut to where we got two packs of cigarettes a month — and this, they told us, was because the money had to go into the babies' milk fund.

Babies was the only item of production that didn't fall, but rose and kept on rising — because people had nothing else to do, I guess, and because they didn't have to care; the baby wasn't their burden, it was "the family's." In fact, the best chance you had of getting a raise and breathing easier for a while was a "baby allowance." Either that, or a major disease.

It didn't take us long to see how it all worked out. Any man who tried to play straight had to refuse himself everything. He lost his taste for pleasure; he hated to smoke a nickel's worth of tobacco or chew a stick of gum, worrying whether somebody had more need for that nickel. He felt ashamed of every mouthful of food he swallowed, wondering whose weary nights of overtime had paid for it, knowing that his food was not his by right, miserably wishing to be cheated rather than to cheat, to be a sucker, but not a bloodsucker.

He wouldn't marry, he wouldn't help his folks back home, he wouldn't put an extra burden on "the family." Besides, if he still had some sort of sense of responsibility, he couldn't marry or bring children into the world, when he could plan nothing, promise nothing, count on nothing.

But the shiftless and the irresponsible had a field day of it. They bred babies; they got girls into trouble; they dragged in every worthless relative they had from all over the country, every unmarried pregnant sister, for an extra "disability allowance"; they got more sicknesses than any doctor could disprove; they ruined their clothing, their furniture, their homes — what the hell, "the family" was paying for it! They found more ways of getting in "need" than the rest of us could ever imagine — they developed a special skill for it, which was the only ability they showed.

Do you see what we saw? We saw that we'd been given a law to live by, a moral law, they called it, which punished those who observed it — for observing it. The more you tried to live up to it, the more you suffered; the more you cheated it, the bigger reward you got. Your honesty was like a tool left at the mercy of the next man's dishonesty. The honest ones paid, the dishonest collected. The honest lost, the dishonest won. How long could men stay good under this sort of a law of goodness?

We were a pretty decent bunch of fellows when we started. There weren't many chiselers among us. We knew our jobs and were proud of it, and we worked for the best factory, where old man Starnes hired nothing but the pick of the country's labor. Within one year under the new plan, there wasn't an honest man left among us.

That was the evil, the sort of hell-horror evil that preachers used to scare you with but you never thought to see alive. Not that the plan encouraged a few bastards, but that it turned decent people into bastards, and there was nothing else that it could do — and it was called a moral ideal!

What was it we were supposed to want to work for? For the love of our brothers? What brothers? For the bums, the loafers, the moochers we saw all around us?

That's when we learned to hate our brothers for the first time in our lives. We began to hate them for every meal they swallowed, for every small pleasure they enjoyed, for one man's new shirt, for another's wife's hat, for an outing with their family, for a paint job on their house — it was taken from us, it was paid for by our privations, our denials, our hunger.

We began to spy on one another, each hoping to catch the others lying about their needs, so as to cut their "allowance" at the next meeting. We began to have stool pigeons who informed on people, who reported that somebody had bootlegged a turkey to his family on some Sunday — which he'd paid for by gambling, most likely.

We began to meddle into one an-

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LIE OF COMMUNISM

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other's lives. We provoked family quarrels, to get somebody's relatives thrown out. Any time we saw a man starting to go steady with a girl, we made life miserable for him. We broke up engagements. We didn't want anyone to marry; we didn't want any more dependents.

In the old days, we used to help a man if he had a bad illness in the family. Now — well, I'll tell you about one case. It was the mother of a man who had been with us for 15 years. She was a kindly old lady, cheerful and wise, she knew us all by our first names and we all liked her — we used to like her. One day, she slipped on the cellar stairs and fell and broke her hip. We knew what that meant at her age. The staff doctor said that she'd have to be sent to a hospital in town for expensive treatments that would take a long time.

The old lady died the night before she was to leave for town. They never established the cause of death. No, I don't know whether she was murdered. Nobody said that. Nobody would talk about it at all. All I know is that I — and that's what I can't forget! — I, too, had caught myself wishing that she would die.

This — may God forgive us! — was the brotherhood, the security, the abundance that the plan was supposed to achieve for us! . . . *From each according to his ability, to each according to his need . . .*

At first, I kept wondering how it could be possible that the educated, the cultured, the famous men of the world could make a mistake of this size and preach, as righteousness, this sort of abomination — when five minutes of thought should have told them what would happen if somebody tried to practice what they preached.

Now I know that they didn't do it by any kind of mistake. Mistakes of this size are never made innocently. If men fall for some vicious piece of insanity, when they have no way to make it work and no possible reason to explain their choice — it's because they have a reason that they do not wish to tell.

And we weren't so innocent, either, when we voted for that plan at the first meeting. We didn't do it just because we believed that the drippy old guff they spewed was good. We had another reason, but the guff helped us to hide it from our neighbors and from ourselves. The guff gave us a chance to pass off as

virtue something that we'd be ashamed to admit otherwise.

There wasn't a man voting for it who didn't think that under a setup of this kind he'd muscle in on the profits of the men abler than himself. There wasn't a man rich and smart enough but that he didn't think that somebody was richer and smarter, and this plan would give him a share of his better's wealth and brain.

But while he was thinking that he'd get unearned benefits from the men above, he forgot about all his inferiors who'd rush to drain him just as he hoped to drain his superiors. The worker who liked the idea that his need entitled him to a limousine like his boss' forgot that every bum and beggar on Earth would come howling that their need entitled them to an icebox like his own.

That was our real motive when we voted — that was the truth of it — but we didn't like to think it, so the less we liked it, the louder we yelled about our love for the common good.

Well, we got what we asked for. By the time we saw what it was that we'd asked for, it was too late. We were trapped, with no place to go. The best men among us left the factory in the first week of the plan. We lost our best engineers, superintendents, foremen and highest-skilled workers. A man of self-respect doesn't turn into a milch cow for anybody.

Some able fellows tried to stick it out, but they couldn't take it for long. We kept losing our men; they kept escaping from the factory like from a pesthole — till we had nothing left except the men of need, but none of the men of ability.

Yet this was a moral law that the professors and leaders and thinkers had wanted to establish all over the earth. If this is what it did in a single small town where we all knew one another, do you care to think what it would do on a world scale? Do you care to imagine what it would be like if you had to live and to work when you're tied to all the disasters and all the malingering of the globe?

To work — and whenever any men failed anywhere, it's you who would have to make up for it. To work — with no chance to rise, with your meals and your clothes and your home and your pleasure depending on any swindle, any famine, any pestilence anywhere on Earth. To work — with no chance for an extra ration, till the Cambodians have been fed and the Patagonians have been sent through college.

To work — on a blank check held by every creature born, by men whom you'll never see, whose needs you'll never know, whose ability or laziness or sloppiness or fraud you have no way to learn and no right to question — just to work and work and work — and leave it up to the Ivys and the Geralds of the world to decide whose stomach will consume the effort, the dreams and the days of your life. And this is the moral law to accept? This — a moral ideal?

Well, we tried it — and we learned. Our agony took four years, from our first meeting to our last, and it ended the only way it could end: in bankruptcy.

At our last meeting, Ivy Starnes was the one who tried to brazen it out. She made a short, nasty, snippy little speech in which she said that the plan had failed because the rest of the country had not accepted it, that a single community could not succeed in the midst of a selfish, greedy world — and that the plan was a noble ideal, but human nature was not good enough for it.

A young boy — one who had been punished for giving us a useful idea in our first year — got up, as we all sat silent, and walked straight to Ivy Starnes on the platform. He said nothing. He spat in her face. That was the end of the noble plan. □

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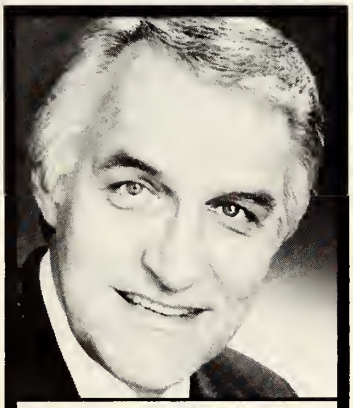

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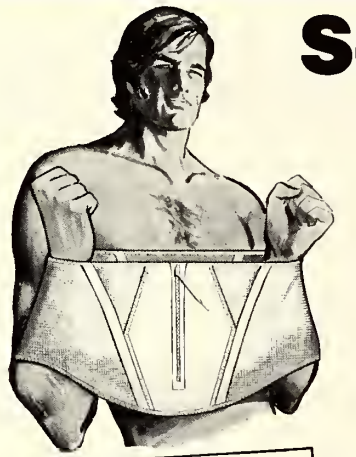

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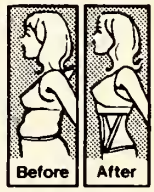

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RED SKELTON

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siasm for the medium is apparently waning. Asked if he misses live television, Skelton replied, "Every chance I get.

"I think the media, and that includes television, concentrate on tearing down our leaders. It would be far better if television would concentrate on the good things in the United States instead of looking for negative things to emphasize. People in the media keep talking about their constitutional rights and freedom of speech, but why trample on that right? I have nothing against these people, but I think their methods are wrong. Like every nation in the world we have problems; but with our system of government, we have a built-in way to correct those problems."

Skelton's travels all over the world have proved to him that humor has no geographical boundaries.

"I was in Russia," he said, "and I had seen the ballet and wanted to go to the opera. I went downstairs and stood at the desk for about five minutes, and they kept ignoring me. Finally I said to a woman behind the desk, 'Pardon me, madam.' She replied, 'Don't call me madam. In Russia we're comrades.' I told her I was from the United States and wanted to get tickets for the opera. She asked, 'Which one?' and I said, 'Comrade Butterfly.'"

Red Skelton has written more than 5,000 musical selections, many of which have been performed by Arthur Fiedler, Van Cliburn, David Rose and the London Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he has written 64 symphonies, which have been performed by the Palm Springs Desert Symphony Orchestra and the Las Vegas Symphony.

His marches are played by more than 10,000 high-school and college bands, and he has written thousands of short stories and several books.

In his spare time, Skelton oil-paints, does pastel pencil drawings and bookbinds. He also gardens—bonsai trees are his specialty, and he has a rose named after him.

He is one of the few entertainers alive today who has been a guest and entertainer of eight U.S. Presidents—Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Reagan. He has had private audiences

with Pope Pius XII, Pope John and Pope Paul. Not bad for a 33rd-degree Mason.

Skelton holds honorary degrees from Boston's Emerson College, Indiana's Vincennes University, Indiana State University and Ball State University. Among his most recent honors are the 1984 Cecil B. DeMille Award for outstanding contributions to the entertainment industry, the 1984 Mark of Achievement Award from the National Association for Campus Activities, and the 1986 Governor's Award from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

In a career that began more than 60 years ago, Skelton has had many great moments. Which was the greatest? "One of the great moments in show business is when you take the check to the bank and it doesn't bounce," he said.

Ben Hecht once asked him, "How come you're so nice to everyone you meet?"

Skelton answered, "I've been told that man was made in God's image. Now, I've never met God, and the next person just might be Him."

Although Skelton has had his share of personal tragedy, he remains dedicated to making people laugh. "God's children and their happiness are my reasons for being," he said. ☐

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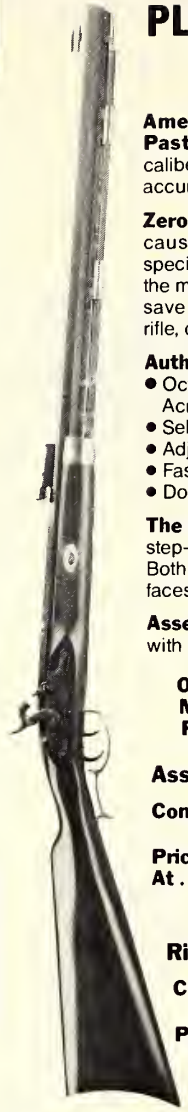

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Robert S. Turner (Ga.), Chairman

Res. 63 (Ariz.) Opposes a Constitutional Convention and any attempt to rewrite the U.S. Constitution.
Res. 79 (Utah) Urges Congress to declare English the official U.S. language.
Res. 100 (Ill.) Commends CBS for its "We the People" series.
Res. 173 (Wis.) Seeks amendment of the U.S. Flag Code to make POW/MIA Recognition Day a flag-flying day.
Res. 338 (Philippines) Supports legislation that would grant Filipino World War II veterans eligibility to become U.S. citizens even if they reside in the P.I. or elsewhere.
Res. 440 (Comm.) Urges Congress to restore the House Committee on Internal Security.

ECONOMICS
Henry Field (S.C.), Chairman

Res. 11 (Wyo.) Seeks legislation to release veterans from liability in the default of VA home loans by new owners.
Res. 84 (Utah) Urges DoL to ensure that Validity Generalization is not the only criterion for job referral by state Employment Service, and to establish a uniform veterans'-preference mechanism in the system.
Res. 102 (Ill.) Urges Congress to increase funding for veterans' employment and training programs under Title IVC of the Job Training Partnership Act.
Res. 111 (N.D.) Opposes any weakening of federal control of the Employment Service and the veterans' preference it provides.
Res. 127 (Ohio) Calls for at least one full-time veterans' employment representative at each state Employment Service office, for an employment base of no less than 1,600 such representatives nationwide.
Res. 136 (S.C.) Calls for sufficient funding of Veterans Employment and Training Service and State Employment Service agencies.
Res. 154 (Penn.) Calls for legislation that would make the National Veterans Training Institute permanent.
Res. 186 (Wis.) Seeks full enforcement of affirmative-action requirements for federal contractors and transfer of enforcement authority to the office of the assistant secretary of labor for Veterans Employment.
Res. 273 (Idaho) Supports VA Loan Guaranty Program and opposes any user fee.
Res. 278 (Iowa) Supports special consideration for veterans in Small Business Administration programs.
Res. 291 (Iowa) Calls for the participation of the assistant secretary for Veterans Employment and Training in all DoL decisions affecting veterans' employment.
Res. 322 (Okla.) Seeks legislation to include veterans' preference in temporary and excepted appointments in federal government.
Res. 344 (Mo.) Seeks amendment of Job Training Partnership Act to provide better representation and preference for veterans.
Res. 359 (D.C.) Urges federal agencies to publicize special hiring programs for non-competitive appointments of eligible veterans.
Res. 363 (D.C.) Supports full funding of President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.
Res. 398 (Texas) Supports legislation establishing a regional administrator for the Veterans Employment and Training Service in each DoL region.
Res. 399 (Texas) Seeks legislation that would include veterans in national programs for dislocated workers.
Res. 425 (Mass.) Supports veterans' preference at the federal, state and local levels.
Res. 428 (Mass.) Calls for Legion participation in programs to aid homeless veterans.
Res. 437 (Miss.) Seeks permanent authorization of the Veterans' Job Training Act.
Res. 450 (Comm.) Seeks legislation to prohibit contracting out federal jobs that are reserved for veterans.

FOREIGN RELATIONS
Doc Simon (Vt.), Chairman

Res. 30 (Vt.) Urges U.S. government to adopt a comprehensive policy on Middle East.
Res. 32 (Vt.) Urges U.S. government to respond to New Zealand's violation of the ANZUS Treaty.
Res. 33 (Vt.) Defines Legion's stand on U.S. foreign policy.
Res. 37 (Alaska) Seeks ban on sale of advanced military equipment to the People's Republic of China.
Res. 38 (Alaska) Urges U.S. government to establish full diplomatic and military relations with the Republic of China (Taiwan).
Res. 39 (Alaska) Urges U.S. government to sell advanced military equipment to the Republic of China (Taiwan).
Res. 40 (Alaska) Supports increased military and economic aid to the Republic of Korea; opposes North Korea's construction of Kun Kang Dam.
Res. 66 (Ariz.) Affirms that testing ABM components does not violate 1972 ABM Treaty.
Res. 157 (Penn.) Seeks ban on foreign steel purchases by the Army and Navy.
Res. 193 (Wis.) Seeks curbs on awards of defense contracts to certain companies in Japan and Norway.
Res. 198 (Va.) Calls for U.S. government to support the National Resistance of Mozambique (RENAMO).
Res. 199 (Va.) Supports and urges acceleration of U.S. government efforts to resolve the POW/MIA issue.
Res. 221 (Md.) Asks U.S. government to encourage democracy in the Republic of Korea.
Res. 223 (Md.) Calls for U.S. military aid to the Philippines.
Res. 365 (D.C.) Calls for a joint U.S. program to halt the illegal transfer of technology to foreign countries.
Res. 404 (Texas) Urges Congress to establish a single committee to oversee the CIA.
Res. 416 (Calif.) Opposes the transfer of five Alaskan islands to the Soviet Union.
Res. 447 (Comm.) Calls for continued trade and military cooperation with Canada.
Res. 448 (Comm.) Calls for U.S. military aid to friendly Central American police forces.
Res. 449 (Comm.) Calls for U.S. peace plan for Central America, supporting democracy and defeating communism.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS
Herman G. Harrington (N.Y.), Chairman

Res. 1 (Comm.) Authorizes temporary charters for certain foreign posts.
Res. 74 (Calif.) Urges Legion posts to buy subscriptions to THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE for public and school libraries.
Res. 441 (Comm.) Expresses appreciation to the Department of Texas and to San Antonio city officials, citizens and Legionnaires.
Res. 451 (Comm.) Bestows title of Past Nat'l. Cmdr. on E. Roy Stone Jr., Greenville, S.C.

NATIONAL SECURITY
Roger A. Munson (Ohio), Chairman

Res. 2 (Kan.) Supports legislation that would refund GI Bill contributions to survivors.
Res. 29 (Wyo.) Opposes hospital user's fee for active military personnel, retirees and their dependents.
Res. 34 (Vt.) Urges Congress to provide funding for anti-satellite weapons.
Res. 114 (N.D.) Asks the Department of Defense to include home of record on all DD Form 214 separation certificates.
Res. 228 (Md.) Supports Strategic Defense Initiative.
Res. 229 (Md.) Supports the national strategy Peace Through Strength.
Res. 233 (Md.) Opposes operation of military commissaries by private supermarket chains.

Res. 234 (Md.) Opposes congressionally mandated cuts in officer strength.
Res. 235 (Md.) Opposes wearing religious apparel with military uniforms.
Res. 237 (Md.) Commends 40th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.
Res. 240 (Md.) Supports C-17 aircraft program.
Res. 242 (Md.) Urges continued improvement of Special Operations Forces.
Res. 246 (Md.) Supports Air Force efforts to replace short-range attack missile SRAM-A with SRAM II.
Res. 254 (Md.) Supports participation of Naval Reserve and Naval Air Reserve in counter-terrorism missions.
Res. 267 (Minn.) Seeks refunds of participants' contributions for unused benefits under new G.I. Bill.
Res. 370 (D.C.) Asks state and federal agencies to mail absentee ballots to military personnel at least 60 days before election day.
Res. 406 (Texas) Supports the Navy's Homeport Plan.
Res. 442 (Comm.) Opposes cuts in U.S. Coast Guard budget.
Res. 443 (Comm.) Urges rebuilding of American merchant marine.
Res. 444 (Comm.) Urges U.S. government to insist that U.S.-built and -owned vessels be used to move offshore-platform components to the Outer Continental Shelf.
Res. 446 (Comm.) Calls for legislation that would require vessels transporting valueless material (sewage sludge) to be built in U.S. shipyards.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
William F. Lenker (S.D.), Chairman

Res. 58 (Colo.) Supports legislation that would make the VA an executive department.
Res. 131 (Ohio) Supports legislation to exempt Vietnam-era veterans' educational-assistance benefits from future reductions under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act.
Res. 132 (Ohio) Urges VA administrator to revise Eligibility Verification Report to include beneficiary's income in previous year.
Res. 133 (Ohio) Supports legislation to extend the presumptive period to seven years for veterans with ALS.
Res. 135 (Ohio) Supports legislation to provide free medical and dental care for Medal of Honor recipients.
Res. 166 (Mich.) Opposes efforts to provide that VA subsidies for veterans in state homes shall not be used to offset Medicaid payments.
Res. 194 (Wis.) Opposes merger of VA and Social Security benefits programs and prohibits adoption of positions on Social Security unless they directly affect veterans as a class.
Res. 195 (Wis.) Opposes contracting out of services in the Department of Medicine and Surgery.
Res. 202 (Va.) Urges VA administrator to recognize alcoholism as a disease.
Res. 203 (Va.) Reaffirms Legion opposition to means test and third-party reimbursement.
Res. 204 (Va.) Supports legislation that would restore atomic veterans' legal course of action; urges high priority on radiation-related research; mandates the dissemination of current responsible information relating to radiation exposure; and supports the establishment of service connection for certain radiogenic disabilities.
Res. 206 (Va.) Urges restoration of VA beneficiary travel allowance.
Res. 207 (Va.) Supports legislation to provide VA benefits for certain Canadian veterans living in the United States.
Res. 296 (Iowa) Supports legislation to increase monthly Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.
Res. 299 (Iowa) Urges the U.S. government to restore a sufficient number of Department of Veterans' Benefits personnel.
Res. 301 (Iowa) Supports legislation to increase monthly disability compensation.
Res. 429 (Mass.) Opposes closing of VA outpatient clinic in New Bedford, Mass.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE
Milton Applebaum (Ill.), Chairman

Res. 330 (N.Y.) Extends eligibility for Auxiliary membership to great-granddaughters of Legionnaires.

FINANCE
George W. Boucek (Ill.), Chairman

Res. 2 (Comm.) Changes carrier of Legion life insurance plan to Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co.
Res. 3 (Comm.) Approves affinity credit-card program for Legion members through Maryland Bank, N.A.
Res. 4 (Comm.) Establishes guidelines for sharing funds from the affinity credit-card program with departments. □

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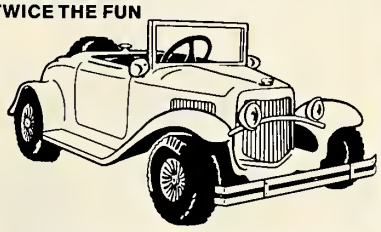

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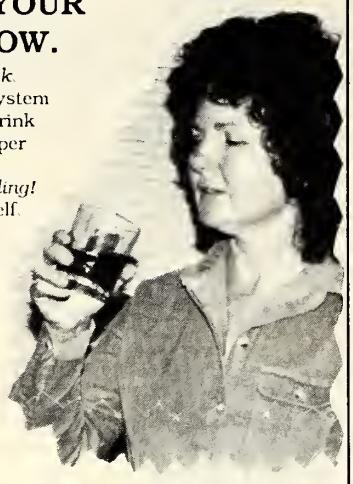

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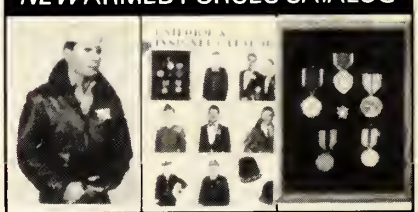

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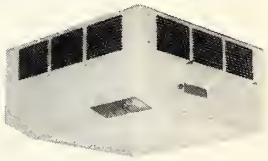

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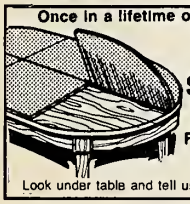

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